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GREAT EXPLOSION.

CANTON'S POWDER PLANT
BLOWN UP.

A MILITARY PLOT?

Russian Munitions Also Go
Up In Smoke.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, May 30.

Investigation has revealed that the explosion and fire which on Sunday evening at 5 o'clock completely destroyed the Canton Government's powder plant at Whampoa was of incendiary origin. Three people lost their lives, and more than 60 were badly burned or injured by missiles sent flying through the air.

In addition to the destruction of the powder plant, which is near the Whampoa Military and Political Academy, a great quantity of military stores and munitions, recently received from Vladivostok were destroyed, and the wharves on which these stores were housed were damaged by fire.

The authorities, who have established the fact that the disaster was due to an incendiary plot, declare that undoubtedly the conflagration was planned by agents of the armies of the north in the hope of crippling the Nationalist Government in the conduct of its Northern campaign. At first there were wild rumours in the city that the Communists had blown up the powder plant, but these are entirely discounted now, for it would be even more disastrous for the Communists than for the Kuomintang if Wu Pei-fu were to be victorious in his campaign against the Canton Government.

The explosion was heard and felt only mildly in Canton, but resulted in a severe shock at the Canton Christian College.

CAPTAIN BETTS.

HIS CAPTURE BY CHINESE
BRIGANDS.

NEWS FROM THE SPOT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Yunnanfu, May 20.

A further outrage has been perpetrated by well-known brigands, Capt. Betts, of the American Legation, Peking, being the victim.

Capt. Betts having paid a visit to Yunnanfu, in connection with the Famine Relief work, left the city with an escort of two soldiers, travelling via Tongchuan, Chichung, and Suifu, but was captured by brigands about three days out, and having been bound, was carried off to the hills.

Word was sent to Tongchuan, and the local militia was sent off in pursuit, and a battle ensued, in which several brigands were killed, and, according to some reports, Capt. Betts was released; but according to other reports, he escaped in the confusion.

He, however, got safely to Tongchuan, and is now proceeding on his way, none the worse for his experience.

As Capt. Betts stands six feet, five inches, it must have been a very painful experience, since resistance is hopeless, these bandits being well armed, and no doubt, under ordinary circumstances, Capt. Betts could have accounted for a good many bandits unarmed.

It is reported that he has recovered most of his belongings, and also \$2,000 worth of medicines which accompanied him, have been recovered, but there are losses of other goods.

Capt. Betts was in confinement for about two days as far as can be ascertained, and it is fortunate that such a speedy release was effected.

Strangely enough, this road was reported clear of brigands only a few days previous to Capt. Betts' departure, which shows how active these gentry are when it suits their purpose, and one wonders whether they had information regarding his journey. I hear little of the capture and ill-treatment of Chinese, but it is certain that they are many.

ON LARGER SCALE.

OBSERVANCES OF KING'S
BIRTHDAY.

A CHINESE PROCESSION.

Last year it was found impossible owing to bad weather conditions to hold the ceremonial parade which usually marks observance of the King's Birthday.

This year, weather permitting, the parade is arranged to take place on a larger scale than ever, the venue being changed from the Hongkong Cricket Club ground to Happy Valley to allow of more freedom of action and fuller effect.

A unique feature of the King's Birthday observances in the Colony will be "fish lantern" procession (organised by well known Chinese) in the evening.

The Parade. The Happy Valley Parade commenced at 9 a.m. and will last for about fifty minutes, some 2,000 in all taking part. No spectators are to be allowed inside the Hongkong Jockey Club race track but the Jockey Club have placed at the disposal of the public the Grand Stand and members' enclosure.

The Hongkong Club stand has been reserved for the use of members of the Councils and Heads of Government Departments. Lady Clementi and party will be accommodated there.

The Tramway Co. are co-operating by running cars every two minutes from the Post Office to Happy Valley between 8-10 a.m. and 8-50 a.m. General traffic arrangements are that vehicular traffic proceeds via Praya East, Percival Street and Wong Nei Chong Road and return via Morrison Gap Road and Queen's Road East. Passengers will alight from cars at the main entrance to Grand Stand enclosure.

The following units will be represented at the parade: Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, 1st Bn. The East Surrey Regiment, Detachment Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, 5/2nd Punjab Regiment and the Hongkong Mule Corps. There will be approximately 40 officers and 1,800 ranks—a battery of Pack Artillery and two 4.5 Howitzers.

After the arrival of H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, who is to take the salute, the Union Jack will be broken and His Excellency will inspect the troops. The Royal Salute will be fired by the battery and this will be interspersed at the 7th, 14th and last rounds by the feu-de-joie of the troops.

At noon there will be the usual salute of 21 guns by the warships in the harbour which will be "dressed" in honour of the occasion.

The remainder of the day will be observed as a public holiday.

Other Observances. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi will be present to lunch at the Hongkong Club which is open to members' wives and their lady friends from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. From 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. a band will play in the Main Hall and at noon the King's Health will be drunk. The specially arranged duff follows.

There will be no Government House Ball in the evening but H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi will hold a reception there, commencing from 9.30 p.m.

The correct civilian dress for the occasion is, white mess jacket, white waistcoat, black tie, stiff or soft fronted shirt, white gloves and miniature medals.

The following will act as A.D.C.'s (Capt. Steele, M.C. is in hospital): Capt. Dowbiggin, Capt. Swinton, Capt. Brownjohn (Royal Engineers), Capt. Bloxham and Lieut. Scarie (of the East Surrey), Capt. Foster (Private Secretary) also two A.D.C.'s representative of the Indian contingents.

Unique Procession.

Residents who arrived in the Colony after the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in 1922 will be able to see for themselves what exactly is a Chinese "fish lantern" procession.

Such a unique display is being got up for to-morrow, by leading prominent residents. Mr. Ho Koon-tong is reported to be taking a prominent part in the organisation.

The sight has to be watched to be appreciated. Wonderful weird and gorgeous figures illuminated

"RED" OR NOT?

EX-CHIEF OF POLICE
ARRESTED.

BORODIN IS SILENT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, May 31.

At 9 o'clock yesterday morning Wu Te-chien, who a month ago was Canton's chief of police, was arrested after General Chang Kai-shek's soldiers had surrounded his home in Kong Wai Road. Wu Te-chien is now confined at the headquarters of Chang Kai-shek's bodyguards, and though the nature of the charges against him have not been given out officially it is said that the arrest resulted in alleged trafficking with the northern enemy. The military nature of the arrest, and the fact that Canton police were not concerned in the capture, are taken as evidence that the supposed offence is of a military or wartime character, for in regard to those offences a state of virtual martial law now exists.

Li Chang-tat, the present chief of police, put into office by General Chang Kai-shek after Wu Te-chien was ousted a month ago, has no comment to make. Wu Te-chien's dismissal from office was followed (a day later) by his manifesto designed to disarm the anti-Hongkong strike pickets, and at the time was thought to indicate that General Chang Kai-shek was a "Red." The pickets, by the way, are not yet disarmed.

At the last moment yesterday M. Borodin, Communist High Adviser to the Canton Government, cancelled his engagement to speak at 3 p.m. at the Canton Christian College. An attack of illness, brought about by the heat, was given as the cause for not speaking. M. Borodin did not speak at the memorial mass meeting held to commemorate the Shanghai shootings of May 30 of last year.

RAILWAY FATALITY.

A fatality occurred on the Kowloon-Canton Railway near the end of the British section yesterday.

The master of a Chinese sauce factory was walking along the line on his way to Shungahui. He was on a bridge when the noon train from Kowloon struck him down and killed him.

Two masters of Chinese boarding houses in the central district were fined \$50 at the Magistracy this morning for infringing their licences by taking in Dutch Indies emigrants reserved for the assisted passenger boarding houses.

by torches and all made of paper on flimsy structures, are borne about by carriers whose unbusiness stand out in contrast.

The procession to-morrow leaves Taipingshan (just below the scene of the Po Hing Fong disaster, and a little beyond the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Bridges Street) at 9.45 p.m. It proceeds along Caine Road and the upper levels towards Government House which will be encircled two or three times; then the "fishes" return home.

Except for providing about 150 officers to regulate traffic in connection with the Parade, the Police will be having no special function of their own.

Y.M.C.A. Banquet.

To-morrow has been chosen by the Chinese Y.M.C.A. as the most fitting on which to show appreciation of the efforts of those who raised \$18,000 for the Association in its recent campaign, and these will be the guests of honour at a banquet.

Mr. J. L. McPherson, for nearly twenty years the head of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., who has recently been acting in a more or less advisory capacity, will be asked to assume full control of the work as general secretary again.

Mr. T. Moffatt, associate general secretary, who has been acting general secretary during the last two years, is desirous of returning to his special department of boys' educational work in the Association.

ALLEGED PIRACY.

RESPONSIBILITY OF GOODS
CARRIERS.

SUPREME COURT ACTION.

The case continued at the Supreme Court this morning in which the Wing Yuen firm, consignees of goods from Hongkong to Hoihow, claimed over \$4,000 for alleged breach of contract from the junk owners who carried the goods.

Cross-examination centres round an alleged piracy near Macao in which the junk was stated to have waylaid by robbers and relieved of all goods on board. Lai Kwong, who was in charge of the junk at the time, is under cross-examination by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, (instructed by Johnson, Stokes and Master).

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy (instructed by Hall and Hind) is for defendant.

The Defence.

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy opened for the defence yesterday afternoon agreeing that a contract for carrying the goods had been entered into. Where they were to go was, however, rather doubtful. The vessel had proceeded to sea and done everything that was normal and correct, going to the Customs Station. When she arrived near the Nine Islands she was attacked by pirates.

Remarking that the case the defence had to meet was whether they were liable under the contract, His Lordship remarked that the defendant, on the evidence of the plaintiff, did not inform plaintiff that he was sailing so that insurance could be taken out.

Counsel said he doubted if they could have been insured at that time. No foreign concern would have insured them going up the West River at such a time and no Chinese having a knowledge of affairs would issue a policy. There was no evidence before the Court that plaintiff could have insured the goods and when the evidence of the defence was before the Court he would submit that the goods could not have been insured at that time.

The defendant was then called, and gave his evidence of receiving the goods on board, sailing, and being pirated. He was asked by the plaintiff's broker on September 14 whether he could sail, and witness replied that he was ready at any time. He did not sail for another month because the same man told him not to leave. He was told on October 14 that he could go.

"PEACE" REPORT.

CANTON VERNACULAR
ITEMS.

WHY WU WAS ARRESTED.

Canton, June 1.

Under instruction from Mr. Eugene Chen (acting Foreign Minister), Mr. Fu Ping-sheng (Commissioner for Foreign Affairs and Superintendent of Customs) interviewed various Consuls at Shanghai to discuss matters relating to the settlement of the boycott. It is also stated that a special delegate will be appointed to enter into negotiations.

Four of the crew of a ship at Whampoa were killed by members of the Seamen's Union. The whole crew then went on strike. The master of the vessel has pleaded with the Canton Government to prevent (further) guild activities.

About 3,000 men of Gen. Chu Pei-tai's army are arriving at Canton from up-country to act as the city garrison, in preference to taking part in the campaign against Hunan province.

A brigade of the 12th division (Kwangtung Army) has returned from Shanhai and landed at Canton.

The arrest of Mr. Wu Te-chien (see report from our own correspondent elsewhere in this issue) by General Chang Kai-shek is said to be due to the latter coming into possession of alleged correspondence between Mr. Wu and the Rightist faction (of the Kuomintang) at Shanghai. Gen. Chang has sent troops in conjunction with Gen. Chiang Chien's troops to disarm the 17th division (commanded by Mr. Wu) on the East River.—Wah Tze Yat Po.

CANTON FEELING.

HOW "SHANGHAI MAY 30"
PASSED OFF.

SHAMEEN ECHO.

Authorities Have Situation
In Hand.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, May 31.

Nearly 200,000 people turned out for the memorial service (of Shanghai, May 30 last year), and lined the long route of the parade which followed. The meeting began at noon with services on the East parade ground. The meeting was presided over by several successive chairmen, representing in their order the Central Kuomintang, The All-China Labourers' Union, the Kwangtung Labourers' Union, the Peasants' Unions, the Educators' Union, the Central Military and Political Academy and the Women's Union.

The last will of Dr. Sun Yat-sen was read, and then there followed an impressive period of three minutes of silent mourning for those killed in the Shanghai incident. Short addresses were made by Soo Shi-ching, chairman of the Hongkong-Canton Strike Committee, Pang Chuk-man, chairman of the Overseas Department of the Central Kuomintang, and Tam Ping-shan, a Communist. Then came the parade, in which more than 200 organisations were represented.

The anniversary, which had been looked forward to with apprehension in some quarters as likely to lead to some demonstration against Shameen, passed without any untoward incident. In fact, even the day's arrests were fewer than usual, but the streets were heavily patrolled by police and soldiers.

Shameen Forecast.

June 23, the first anniversary of the Shameen shootings, will also pass without trouble if the Canton authorities can prevent trouble. The Shameen, the street fronting on the Shameen creek, which has been widened, planted with trees, and is being paved with concrete, is to be formally dedicated on June 23, and re-named Avenue June 23. But it is learned to-day from official circles that though the dedication exercises will be held as planned, the street paving will not be completed, and the thoroughfare will be in no condition to accommodate parades on that day. Progress of the paving has been purposely retarded, and it will not be completed until late in July when it will be opened without announcement or ceremony. It was feared by the Canton authorities that if a parade were held down the Shameen on June 22 of this year some firebrand might precipitate a new crisis, and a new foreign complication is the last thing that the Nationalist Government desires at this time.

VARYING WINDS.

AND OCCASIONAL RAIN
FORECAST.

The forecast of weather conditions until noon to-morrow reads: East winds, strong, moderating; overcast, occasional rain.

For the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.24 inch. of rain is reported, the total since January 1 being 30.59 against an average of 24.33 inches.

Pressure has increased considerably over N.E. Japan, moderately from Japan to S. Manchuria and slightly in central districts. It has decreased slightly over central and S.W. China and is nearly stationary elsewhere. The anticyclone now extends from the China coast to N.E. Japan, with highest pressure over the Eastern Sea. Pressure is relatively low over the S. China Sea but there is no evidence at present of typhoon.

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CHINA AND FOREIGNERS.

DOES NOT WANT THEM.

Gloom, dense and impenetrable, has descended upon Peking's foreign colony, says the "United Press" correspondent in Peking in a message to the "Osaka Mainichi."

To-day as never before it is being forced into the consciousness of every foreigner resident in Peking that China does not want the foreigner in the past, and will not want the foreigner in the future.

China likes foreign inventions, likes many foreign ways, but does not like the foreigner himself. She accepted the foreigner under pressure and with reluctance, and now she is exerting a counter-pressure of her own.

This is the feeling which is manifest on every side in Peking at present. Part of the present depression is of course due to the breakdown of government and business relations—a thing which is bound to cause a gloomy view on the part of foreigners and Chinese alike. But it is generally felt that the matter goes much deeper than surface difficulties; that to-day, as never before, even in times of definite anti-foreign stress, the fundamental Chinese antipathy to the "outside person" or *wai-guo-jen* has become manifest.

Anti-foreignism is not nearly as manifest in China as many dwellers abroad may imagine from occasional sensational happenings. Un-foreignism seems better to express the situation as evident in Peking at least. It is not so much that the Chinese feel violent distaste for the foreigner; that might be overcome through improved understanding. It is more that there seems something deeply provincial in the Chinese which makes him inevitably drawn only to his own folk.

Most travellers who have visited China only briefly will oppose this view. After Japan, for example, China seems to the transient visitor to be the epitome of cordiality, frankness, friendliness. Hotel "boys" are always smiling, everyone wants to oblige. The fact that there is always a financial string attached to this kindness is largely lost sight of in view of the fact that so little money will buy so much service in China.

It requires a period of residence to bring to one's notice the factors which to-day are, momentarily at least, so prominent in Peking. But even a visitor here at present can see the mask removed.

Courtesy is a rare article here just now than it ever has been in the memory of old foreign residents. Shopkeepers, forced to hide most of their valuables in fear of marauding soldiers make scant effort to please even the most open-handed foreign buyer. When Chinese residents themselves are in fear of their very lives they are not apt to over-whelm their uninvited foreign guests in the city with assurances of personal security.

The recent arrival of the Shantung soldiers in and about Peking has put the final cap on a situation which had been growing increasingly tense. It is the general view that the Kuomintang or Nationalist soldiers were good, that the Fengtien or Chang Tso-lin soldiers were fair, and that the Shantungites are very bad indeed. Hasty and poorly-disciplined recruits for the most part, they include some of the worst elements in Shantung province and so long as they remain here every foreigner in Peking will be uneasy—though less uneasy than his Chinese neighbours.

Trains, when they run, are full of these soldiers, joy riding for their own pleasure and neither paying for passage nor respecting the reservations paid for by other passengers. Travellers who avoid the trains by motoring are subject to all manner of stoppages, illegal taxes and even personal violence. And when, as seems inevitable, some major instance of assault upon a foreigner occurs, the foreign Ministers have no one to whom they may make effectual protest.

Almost no foreigners are coming into Peking. Day by day one or two or several leave, not to return. The Chinese pressure is still gentle, but it is having its effect.

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MR. G. H. STITT.

RETIREES FROM SHANGHAI BRANCH OF H.K. & S. B.

The "North-China Daily News" of May 29 pays a tribute to Mr. Stitt who has retired from the Shanghai Branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

"While Shanghai has taken a regretful farewell to many old residents during the present year, it is impossible to feel that any departure from the Homeland from this port can be more deeply felt as a personal loss than that of Mr. G. H. Stitt, the manager of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank. While Mr. Stitt has had a long residence in the Far East, he is anything but an old hand in Shanghai, yet it is one of the greatest compliments that could be paid to such a man—that of the general regret of the community upon his departure. The fact stands out that in the few years he has been here, Mr. Stitt has fully entered into the spirit of the life of the community, and his ability, courtesy and kindness of disposition have endeared him to all whom he has met.

The Bank's Irishmen.

The Hongkong & Shanghai Bank has been fortunate in the Irishmen who have entered its service. Sir Thomas Jackson, of course, leads that wonderful group of far-seeing bankers and financiers, and Mr. Stitt will occupy a foremost part in it. He was born near Dundalk, and 20 years later, in 1885, entered the service of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank in London. For four years he was in the London office, and was then sent to Hongkong where he remained until 1891. Then there was service in Japan until 1896, when he was transferred to the Straits, where he remained until 1900. From there he again returned to Japan, first to Yokohama, and for seven years he was in charge of the bank's office in Kobe. In 1921 he came to Shanghai to succeed the late Mr. A. G. Stephen, who then went to Hongkong as Chief Manager.

It is easy to understand how trying the years from 1914 onwards were to an exchange banker. When war broke out in 1914 there could be nothing but uncertainty as to the course of events in the monetary world, and then when Mr. Stitt took charge in Shanghai the spectacular drop of the tael began. It played havoc with many people, and was undoubtedly a difficult position for all, but Mr. Stitt's work during the period that ensued showed him as a banker of the first order. He had always the sang froid in face of such troubles which is essential to success.

A Keen Racing Man.

Mr. Stitt, as a typical Irishman, could not have proceeded on such a career as his without combining in it a vast interest in the Turf. Those who were with him in Penang have a strong recollection of his work in racing there, while coming nearer to home he did an equal share of racing in Japan before he was in Shanghai. A mare of his was Del Monte, which after he had sold her won the Emperor's Cup. Then in Shanghai he and Mr. Stephen had a joint stable for three years and several important races were won by the partnership. In 1923 Cock o' the North was favourite for the Champions here, but got only third place, although it won the Governor's Cup in Hongkong. Perhaps, however, a more important part of Mr. Stitt's contribution to racing in the Far East is the fact of the time he has acted as Steward of different clubs, these including Penang, Yokohama and Singapore, while for three years he was chairman of the Shanghai Race Club.

Public Services.

In Shanghai we have also to think of Mr. Stitt's services to the community in other aspects. He has served on many committees, was chairman of the General Chamber of Commerce in 1922, and a year ago President of St. Patrick's Society, besides having to preside at innumerable meetings and functions at which his bonhomie and diplomacy were very greatly welcomed. He arrived here just before the old building of the bank was demolished, and his tenure of office included such events as the laying of the foundation stone of the new building, and then the actual opening ceremony. With this transition period and subsequent development, his name will always be associated.

For the past two years Mr. Stitt has been the senior member of the foreign staff of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank. It is 41 years since he joined the service, by far the greater part of which has been spent in the Far East. So his retirement is well-earned, and when he and Mrs. Stitt leave on the Blue Funnel as "Antenor to-day," they will take with them the best wishes of all their friends not only in Shanghai but in other parts in the Far East. On returning home they intend in the first instance to reside in Berkshire.

THE FINANCE BUREAU.

MILITARY DEMANDS ON SWATOW.

Swatow, May 16.

The finance Bureau has presented the Chamber of Commerce with a demand, couched in rather truculent terms, for an immediate loan of \$500,000 for the purpose of financing the "expedition to the north," says the "North-China Daily News." The Chamber has undertaken to find a third of that sum, but it is likely that it will not be allowed to call a halt there, but will have to yield to further gentle pressure. Among the many expedients that are being used to find funds for the voracious military maw is an addition of 20 per cent. to our electric bills, the proceeds to be paid over to the government. This levy is being applied to all towns in the province which enjoy the luxury of electric lighting.

The local Kuomintang and its satellite strike organisations came out on the 15th with the intimation of a great demonstration to be held on the 18th in support of the general strike in Britain, and a message purporting to have been wirelessly from a Russian steamer in the harbour to London, welcoming the strikers as fellow-fighters in the great battle-line against imperialism. If they had been a little more up-to-date in their information, they would probably not have rushed into print. The next day's papers contained the news of the calling off of the strike, and we shall probably hear no more about the demonstration; and there will be one holiday less for the labour unions and the schools.

The greatest conflagration that the port has known took place on the night of the 15th. It broke out among a lot of squatters' shanties near the bund, and fanned by a strong east wind spread with great rapidity, attacking first a three storey block of ten hong's which in less than an hour was ablaze from end to end, and passing on devastated four other blocks of equal size and a great number of the smaller shops and clubs clustered about the rear front.

The number of shops and hong's, big and little, which were absolutely gutted must be well over a hundred, and very little of the contents was saved. It came to an end in a few hours simply because the wind was blowing towards the sea, and there was nothing left to burn. Had the wind been in another direction there seems no reason why a considerable fraction of the city might not have been burned down. The municipal motor fire-engine was promptly on the spot and worked gallantly, and was well seconded by other hand-worked appliances; but the dimensions of the fire were quite beyond their power to control, and they could only prevent it spreading at one or two points. It is remarkable that very few casualties have been reported; I have heard of only two killed, an old man and a child. The shanties among which the fire broke out are of reclaimed land belonging to Jardine Matheson & Co., and one of its godowns fronting on it had a very narrow escape, the building next to it being completely burned out, and its door and window shutters being charred black. Messrs. Bradley & Co.'s long alongside of it seemed also for a time to be in danger. The agent of Jardine Matheson has more than once protested to the authorities about their allowing squatters to settle on this land, on account of the danger of fires, but in vain. Possibly now they may begin to see reason in the actions of the unreasonable foreigner, and clear away this and many other similar danger spots throughout the city. But it is a pity indeed that experience should have to be so dearly bought.

H.K. HOTEL RESIDENTS.

May 31.

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God conceivably may have made such a spring before. He certainly never made a better. Miss Katherine Tynan.

THE MANILA RIOTS.

GENERAL WOOD INSISTS ON INQUIRY.

Manila, May 25.

Governor General Wood of Manila in a telegram from Baguio named Colonel George T. Lunn, of his staff, as an additional investigator of the Sunday rioting in San Fernando, Pampanga, in which five persons were killed and 18 others wounded. He expressed in his instructions a desire for a thorough investigation, both administrative and criminal, to determine guilt among participants in the riot and responsibility for the conduct of the constabulary.

Assistant Attorney General Marcelino Montemayor is the other investigator. He was named Monday morning at the suggestion of Secretary of the Interior Honorable Ventura and began his investigation the same day, although looking only into the criminal aspect of the matter then. He will leave for San Fernando with Colonel Langhorne this morning.

Where Were Officers?

In this new investigation, the conduct of the constabulary officers in San Fernando on the night of the rioting will be looked into to determine whether or not their absence was justifiable and whether such absence had contributed to the breach of discipline among the soldiers as well as to the unlawful use of firearms. Lieutenant Fortus, the acting provincial commander, and his junior officer were both away from San Fernando during the riot, the former being in the Magalang Farm School and the latter in barrio Sto. Rosario, also of Magalang.

Evidence indicates clearly now that less than 10 constabulary soldiers had their rifles with them during the riot, that only two fired while the rest used either bayonets or the butts of their rifles in dealing with the crowds in and about the cabaret. The rest of the 28 constabulary men accused of murder are believed not to have participated in the fighting.

Only Private Soriano and Selga, the latter now in a serious condition in the San Fernando hospital, are believed to have fired their rifles during the riot. This is definitely established by investigations already conducted by the constabulary. Only their rifles showed marks of having been used while their ammunition supplies were the only ones lacking. All the 20 rounds of ammunition of Selga were lost while 17 of the 20 of Soriano were lacking, the three remaining having been found in the barrel of his rifle.

Guarded the Stairs.

Private Maluco Quesada, who is also in the San Fernando hospital, believes that only about ten of his comrades were out with their arms during the riot. Four were in the cabaret with their bayonets levelled at the civilian crowd to protect two other constabulary men, in plain clothes who were engaged in the fight with some civilians, he recalls. There or four others he also believes to have guarded the stairs and below, with their bayonets drawn, and the rest fired their rifles from a distance.

Constabulary officers in Pampanga are convinced of the innocence of most of the soldiers accused in the four complaints filed and are prepared to extend financial and other assistance to them to free themselves of the charges. Captain Alfredo Ramirez, the ranking constabulary officer in San Fernando, said he is disposed to engage a lawyer to defend those soldiers he thinks innocent.

While all the 28 soldiers charged in the criminal complaints are included in the accusation for robbery in band with murder, accumulating evidence points to only one soldier as having been seen running away with stolen money belonging to Victoria Aguirre whose 13-year old son, Santiago Quiambao, died from bayonet wounds presumably inflicted by a soldier.

Later.

San Fernando, Pampanga, May 25.—Two distinct versions of the origin of the bloody occurrence in San Fernando is commonly heard here. One is to the effect that Lieutenant Juban, one of the constabulary officers stationed here, had a quarrel with certain students dancing during the night of the cabaret's inauguration and as a result constabulary men since then had been causing disorders there.

Another version states that in San Fernando there is to-day a society of young men called "Anak Blin," to whose activities are generally attributed recent night

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brawls. Members of this organisation were the ones seen laughing at Alejandro Ordonez while he was dancing with a much taller "ballarina." At the time a constabulary soldier was also dancing with a much taller partner and when he saw certain young men laughing he thought he was the object of their laughter. In going around the hall this soldier purposely stepped on the foot of one of those who were laughing and soon the riot started.

Captain Ramirez who is temporarily in command of the constabulary at San Fernando thinks that had not Patrolman Emilio David, who was on duty at the cabaret, fired his revolver into the air, the riot would probably not have resulted so disastrously. Lieutenants Fortus and Juban said that they were out on official duty in Magalang during the night of the riot. Chief of Police Nguilan, however, states that such statement is not corroborated by the testimony of some of the soldiers.

EDUCATION IN MALAYA.

SERVICE BOYCOTTED BY TEACHERS.

[The following is taken from "Truth" of April 28. It illustrates clearly the state of the Education Department in Malaya, corroborates references to the subject which have been made in previous issues of the publication and vindicates all that the "Pinnang Gazette" has said about the matter editorially and to which "Truth" has already referred.]

A few weeks ago some observations were made in "Truth" concerning the unhappy state into which the Education Department in the Federated Malay States has fallen. Those remarks have received ample confirmation from those with personal experience of what is happening there. The Education Department in Malaya is short of more than forty European officers. It is an excellent and well-paid service, but no really well-qualified English teacher will risk going there, for previous experience counts for nothing. The trouble begins at the top, where there are men little fitted for that position, who use it, in fact, simply as a resting place while they are waiting for a senior staff appointment.

The Colonial Office has recently been advertising for assistant masters for schools in the F. M. S. and the Straits Settlements. Dr. Winstedt, the Director of Education in Malaya, who is now on leave in England, should tell Mr. Amery that it is hopeless to expect able men to go there until the whole department is overhauled. Malaya is being boycotted in the schoolmastering profession in England.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

Last week's return of notifiable diseases in the Colony comprised—Small-pox: 1 Chinese, 2 Portuguese, 2 Chinese, 1 death. Enteric fever: 2 Chinese, 2 deaths. On Monday the following were reported: Small-pox: 1 Chinese case from the city district. Enteric fever: 1 case from city, 2 from Shaukiwan, all Chinese.

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Soochow, May 24.—Yesterday the whole city turned out to witness a great funeral of a fireman, who was electrocuted by a falling live wire, during a fire two months ago. It was attempted to put all the blame of his death on the local electric light company, and the company was forced to pay a large compensation. Not only were all the local fire companies represented in this funeral, but also the companies of many of the towns and cities near by. It makes us Westerners realise that, in the Far East, "martyrs" rank very high, with their fellow countrymen; and the second lesson to be learned is that all corporations with a large financial, or "imperialistic" backing, operating under Chinese law, and Chinese custom, must annually write off a large "compensation fund."

The Extrajudiciality Commission spent several hours in Soochow yesterday. We wonder if they were impressed by this great funeral, and if they learned the facts that lay behind this funeral—facts that could have been learned from our electric light company?—"N.C. Daily News."

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ELECTION OF THE NEW SUPERIOR GENERAL.

PHILIPPINES PROVINCIAL ELECTION.

When the Superior General of the Dominican Order, the Rev. Father Theising, died on May 2, 1925, the Rev. Father Tamayo, Provincial of the Philippine Islands, had to depart immediately for Rome to act as Director of the Order, and to make all the preparations for the new election. The election was to be at the big Convent of St. Dominic of Ocaña, near Toledo, Spain, as provided in the last General Chapter.

The Superiors and Electors of the Order, from all over the world, numbering 120 or more, had all to be assembled at the Convent on Ascension Day, as the election was fixed for the eve of Pentecost. The Dominican Fathers of the Spanish Province have received the news that the Rev. Father Buenaventura G. Paredes was elected the Superior General.

Father Paredes is a Spaniard and belongs to the Province of the Holy Rosary of the Philippine Islands. He was born on April 19, 1866 (and is therefore in his 60th year) at Luarca in Asturias in the North of Spain. He entered the Dominican Order as a Novice at the Monastery of Ocaña, on August 30, 1889. After completing his philosophical studies, he was sent to study Theology at the famous Convent of St. Thomas of Avila, where he took the solemn vows on December 8, 1887.

After being ordained a Priest, Father Paredes was sent to the Universities of Madrid, Salamanca and Valencia. In 1895 he received the degree of Doctor of Arts in the University of Madrid, and the following year he received the degree of Doctor in Civil Law. In July 1899 he was sent to the University of St. Thomas of Manila to take the classes of Civil Law and Arts. Shortly after he received the degrees of Doctor in Theology and Canon Law, to the great admiration of all the other Doctors and Professors of the Thricecentenary University of Manila. In 1902, being elected the Rector of the Convent of St. Thomas of Avila, he passed through Hongkong for the first time on his way to take up his new post.

In the Provincial Chapter of 1906, he was again appointed Professor of the St. Thomas University of Manila, and Director of the then well-known Catholic daily paper "Liberator," defending vigorously the Catholic Church.

In the Provincial Chapter of 1910, he was elected Provincial of the Philippine Islands, and was re-elected in 1914 till the Chapter held in Manila at the end of 1917 on the occasion of the visit of the late Superior General Father Theising. During his office as Provincial, Father Paredes visited the Missions in China, Tonkin, Japan and Formosa several times, and always visited Hongkong on his way to the Missions or to Spain and America. In 1911, accompanied by Father Novell, he went to New Orleans, to open the Theological College of "Rosaryville" in Ponchatoula, near New Orleans. Since that date, all the students from the Spanish Colleges, after completing their studies in Philosophy go to Rosaryville to study Theology, and to acquire some knowledge of English before being dispersed to the various Missions and Colleges in the Philippine Islands, and in the Far East.

After being released from the arduous tasks of the Provincialate at the end of 1917, Father Paredes was sent to Madrid as the Superior of the Community and Pastor of the well-known Church of the Holy Rosary, and devoted his time to study, when not engaged in the many obligations as Pastor of a large Parish, and Superior of the Community. His advice was sought not only by people in Madrid, but from all over Spain. The news of his election as the Successor of the Great St. Dominic, in the rule of the Order of Preachers, must have come as a thunderbolt.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" from Hongkong on May 31 arrived at Vancouver on May 31.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Nagasaki yesterday at 6 p.m. left Nagasaki today at 6 a.m. and is due at Kobe to-morrow at 6 a.m.

The P. & O. S.S. "Mirapore" left Shanghai for this port yesterday at 2 p.m. and is due here on June 6 at about 7 a.m.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" is due here at 6 p.m. to-day and will berth at Kowloon Wharf No. 5.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai on May 27 and is due here on June 14.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hongkong were reported:—

Borneo (1297) Br., from Halphong; Shun Tai.
 Shantung (1568) Br., from Tsingtao, Shanghai; B. & S.
 Padua (3878) Br., from London, Singapore; M. M. & Co.
 Haining (832) Br., from Foochow, Amoy; Douglas.
 Halvard (1217) Br., from Saigon, Woo Fat Sing.
 Viminale (5415) Ital., from Yokohama, Whampoa; Dodwell.
 Van Cloon (2868) Dutch, from Belawan, Singapore; J.C.J.L.
 Sekkow Maru (2004) Jap., from Yokohama, Keelung; O.S.K.
 Yatsing (1424) Br., from Tsingtao, Foochow; J. M. & Co.

DEPARTURES.

For Manila: President Jackson, Tandu.
 For Singapore: Viminale, Ceylon Maru.
 For Amoy: Kiangchow.
 For Hongkong: Kwai Sang.
 For Haiphong: New Mathilde.
 For Shanghai: Kashima Maru, Giantarra.
 For Kwong-chow-wan: Poo Sang.
 For Batavia: Trallus.

CLEARANCES.

For Shanghai: Padua.
 For Singapore: Antonor.
 For Saigon: Wakasa Maru.
 For Tukao: Tonic Maru.
 For Swatow: Van Cloon, Kotsu Maru.

PASSENGER LIST.**DEPARTURE.**

List of passengers departed by the s.s. "Tandu" on June 1:—

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boyers and child, Mr. T. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shellhear, Miss N. Hewlett, Mr. Stewart Hope, Mr. D. Garland, Mr. L. J. Green, Mr. P. A. May, Mr. H. L. Young, Mr. Edith Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Daniel, Mr. L. Moller, Mr. A. Spranger, Mr. G. Stepanoff, Mr. P. Tenison, Mr. H. Askeland, Capt. H. O. Udden, Capt. T. Christensen, Mrs. W. D. Peacock, Miss A. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. M. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ferrier and son, Mrs. C. W. Butson and child, Mr. A. A. Jacobs, Mr. N. F. Jacobs and Mr. K. Valley.

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For carrying 12 bags of sand, the master of a native boat for passengers was fined \$10 at the Marine Court this morning. Five other boat owners were each fined \$5 for causing obstruction to ferry wharves.

John Pater, the Dutch seaman who is charged with disobeying orders on board the British s.s. "Grange Park," was at the resumed hearing at the Marine Court to-day, found "not guilty" and discharged. He pleaded sickness and was sent to be examined by a Government practitioner.

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The Chinese editors of the
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Shunpao" were charged in the
Mixed Court, Shanghai, on May
28 with the responsibility of hav-
ing published indecent advertise-
ments. Mr. E. T. Maitland prosecut-
ed for the police, whilst Mr.
A. Covey and Mr. Kiang repre-
sented two of the defendants.

Inspector Conduit put in copies
of the advertisements with trans-
lations, these referring to dancing
by naked women at "Paradise
World." He said that he saw per-
formances which led to the recent
prosecution of "Paradise World."
Women danced without any cloth-
ing. He had not seen a perform-
ance since that prosecution, but
after reading the advertisement
he took it to refer to an identical
performance.

Mr. Covey said an editor had to
earn his living and it was essen-
tial that a newspaper should have
advertisements. The editor was
not responsible for drafting the
advertisement or arranging the
performance and he contended
that the responsibility was on the
person who paid for the advertise-
ment. He further argued that
the advertisement was no more
indecent than those published in
England 40 years ago drawing at-
tention to fat ladies on exhibition.

The Assessor (Mr. Martin).—
Do you mean naked fat ladies?

Mr. Covey.—No, not naked.
The Assessor.—Well, I expect
most of us have seen fat ladies
and there is no reason why there
should not be such an exhibition;
but there is a difference when
ladies are naked.

Mr. Kiang submitted that there
was a difference between the for-
eign and Chinese understanding
of the word "naked." A woman
might be wearing some clothes
and still be described by Chinese
as "naked." Even ladies who
wore sleeveless dresses were said
by the Chinese to be "naked."

Mr. Kuan (the Magistrate) asked
the editor of the "Journal of
Commerce" if he would accept an
advertisement from a person who
said that he had opium to sell,
and was answered in the negative.

Mr. Covey.—He would know
that the sale of opium is illegal.
The Assessor.—And he ought
to know that a show like this,
with naked women, is an offence
against morality. Anyone can
say he has got to earn a living.
We often have pickpockets here
who say they have got to get a
living and so they steal things,
and when they do that they go to
prison.

The defendants each were fined
\$20.

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Haiphong	MINGSANG	Wed., 9th June, at 10 a.m.
Tientsin via Shanghai	FOOSHING	Wed., 9th June, at Noon.
Straita and Calcutta	FOOKSANG	Thurs., 10th June, at 3 p.m.
Tientsin	CHONGSHING	Thurs., 10th June, at Noon.
Osaka via Shanghai	KUMSANG	Sat., 12th June, at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Fri., 18th June, at 2 p.m.
Tientsin via Shanghai	KWONGSANG	Wed., 16th June, at Noon.
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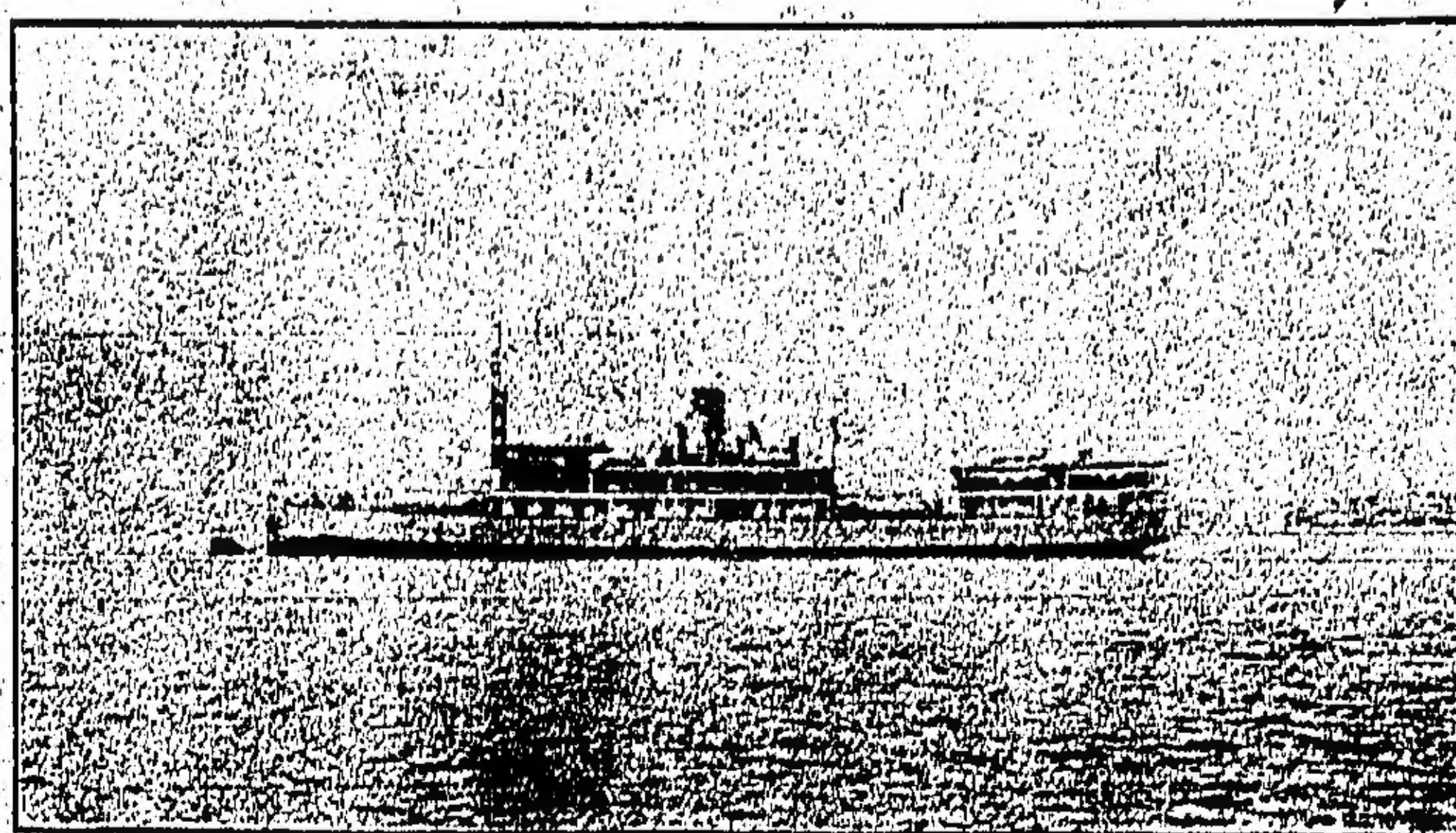
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GIBBON.—On May 17, at Hutton
Nursing Home, Colombo, to
Kathleen, wife of A. R. T.
Gibbon, Carolina, Watwala,
a son.

HASTINGS.—On May 25, at the
Nursing Home, Syers Road,
Kuala Lumpur, to Mr. and
Mrs. Hastings, a daughter.

MACNAB.—On May 26, at
Singapore, to Mr. and Mrs.
A. C. Macnab, a daughter.

MACKINNON.—On May 9, at
Colombo, to Mrs. L. N.
Mackinnon, a son.

ROLFE-ROGERS.—On May 17,
at St. John del Rey, Nor-
wood, to Katherine, wife of
R. G. Rolfe-Rogers, a son.

Hongkong, Wednesday, June 2, 1926.

HEART BREAKING!

That curse of administration everywhere—"the system"—has been indicted once more. Referring to the work of Dr. Pearse, late Medical Officer of Health, who left for home on retirement on Saturday, Dr. Koch had some outspoken comments to make at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board. "It was very apparent that his years of work had somewhat broken Dr. Pearse's spirit. On coming to the Colony he had found how different were the duties of a Medical Officer of Health here compared with those at home, or in any of our other Colonies for that matter. As he kept on, he hoped that some improvement would be made in the apportioning of his duties. I am certain that it clouded his life a great deal. He had hopes of dealing with the sanitary problems of the Colony, and it was not his fault that his hopes were not realised. It was the fault of the system, and the fault should be eradicated by the formation of a General Board of Health. It is unfortunate that this disappointment should have cast a shadow over Dr. Pearse's official life."

The tragic tale of a broken spirit is no new one. Is it not almost immortalised in that fine book, "The Broken Road," which tells how a British official, spent years and years in an endeavour

to complete a road in India—work retarded and frustrated time and by disastrous floods. He was up against "the system" which seemed inadequate to rise to the occasion and counteract the effects of floods. Elsewhere men have devoted the best years of their lives to Government work in the Colonies, but at the end of two or three decades—if they manage to survive at all—have had to withdraw, heart-broken. "The system" is remorseless and exacting. "The system" has been a greater curse than all the handicaps of tropical climates combined. "The system" has taken a greater toll of life than all the brain-racking fevers and body-breaking diseases together. A broken road may one day be completed—a broken spirit never! Equally tragic is the thought that there is no sovereign remedy or antidote for "the system." Like Topsy, it has simply "grown up" through the long misty years. Little or nothing appears to be done to improve on "the system." Administrations and officials come and go—"the system" only remains. Even those who may deprecate criticism of "the system" may themselves in time be counted, unwittingly, among its victims. Reformers are non persona grata. They are always suspect, by their superiors—as these same superiors often are by those even higher on the rungs of the ladder of officialdom. Hopes raised at the zenith of their careers are eventually and apparently inevitably blighted and quenched. Their hearts are in the work, but it is spoiled by something that comes not within the realm of mysticism or fatalism—the deadly "system."

The case of Dr. Pearse and the Sanitary Administration of this Colony is, as has been indicated, no isolated one. But, knowing his "patient" and the symptoms of the disease diagnosed as "the system," Dr. Koch inferentially prescribes a possible remedy—the creation of a General Board of Health, which is exactly what has been advocated in these columns for at least two years. Possibly it may not, in actual practice, be found to cure "the system," once and for all; but it should be found most helpful to the local administration of sanitation of public health. And, if it only prevents future heart-breaking experiences and ensures that every official rises in the fullness of time with something less pathetic and tragic than a broken spirit, it will not have been tried in vain.

IDLE LIST.

LOAN OF A MILLION POUNDS
BEING RAISED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, June 1.
The raising of a loan of £1,000,000 is the object of a flying visit of three delegates to the T.U.C. to consult the headquarters of the International Federation of Trade Unions, the proceeds to be devoted to British Trade Unions who are responsible for the maintenance of over a million unemployed, as an aftermath of the strike.

For driving from material into public pavements, five cobblers were fined \$3 each at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEATH'S TRIBUTE.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Your editorial columns have always brought on wisdom, truth and good reason, and as a reader I much value them. But it was a surprising turn of the tide that I find with your article "No Flowers" in your issue of last evening. Your subject matter is most exceptional and I was astonished to read the absurdity that was contained therein. We are in the full prime of civilisation and it is expected of us to show due respects to our own dead. We are human beings and bear a humane soul, born with the spirit of love, sympathy and honour. Why should we look upon our departed as a flickering flame and our memories of them to be forgotten. Sending a wreath to our departed one is only emblematic of the living's memory and as a hope for the departed soul to rest peacefully and happily and as bright as the flowers indicate. Why should we do away with wreaths? You said it was a waste of money in purchasing a wreath, but you create the impression that when you come across a lengthy list such as the one in Sir Paul Chater's funeral, much money has been spent but you failed in the point that individually purchasing a wreath costs nothing very high to the sender who would on the other hand consider it a duty and even if a wreath costs \$5 it is immaterial to them. It is only in cases when a dying man expresses the wish that no flowers be sent to his funeral, then the request be obeyed. Not even the nearest relatives have the right to append "No flowers" in a funeral notice. Requests for no flowers are very rare indeed. The eminent French actress Sarah Bernhardt when passing away expressed the wish that plenty of flowers be sent to her funeral and in response to her desire a huge profusion of charming flowers was sent from thousands of her admirers.

You suggested that at a European's funeral, the pall bearers should be Europeans and not Chinese. Should there be a reform in this? In my opinion, I would say that such needs no reform, as it is the duty of personal friends to shoulder the coffin of their late friend for the burial ground, after removing it from the hearse. You must not dislike seeing coolies shouldering the coffin as it is their duty to do it, being the hearse attendants. You should better blame the lack of manners and etiquette of our folks out here. One has the spectacle to see Admirals and Field-Marshal as pall-bearers at the funeral of a comrade at home, and at other funerals eminent statesmen perform the same task. If in a place other than here the funeral of Sir Paul Chater would have been more impressive and one is most likely to see members of the Executive and Legislative Councils acting as pall-bearers to their departed brother Councillor. It was a shame that such was not evident the other day.

Yours, etc.,

"RESPECT."

Hongkong, June 2.

FOOD PRICES.

COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY FORMED.

SANITARY BOARD MEETING.

Arising out of what was said at the last meeting, the Chairman at yesterday's Sanitary Board proposed names to serve on a Committee to enquire into the question of the general rise in the price of foods sold in the markets and to suggest steps which may be possible to effect a reduction of those prices and report to the Board.—The Head of the Sanitary Department, Dr. S. W. T'so and Mr. Wong Kwong-tin.

Dr. Koch seconded the motion being carried unanimously.

Reference was made by Dr. Koch to the departure of Dr. W. W. Pearse, M.O.H. He had had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Pearse for 24 years and he had been a good friend all the time. Dr. Pearse was a very difficult man to know, for one had to know him a long time before one got at the heart of the man. He had the sanitary good of the Colony very much at heart.

All who attended the dinner given recently in his honour must have realised how heart-breaking the conditions were when he first came to the Colony, conditions to be found in no civilised country and not in some neighbouring Colonies. His work resolved itself into that of a senior sanitary inspector and all his hopes of dealing with the real sanitary problems of the Colony he had to resign. It was not his fault; it was the fault of the system, a fault which should be

FILM COPYRIGHT.

LOCAL SUMMONS FOR INFRINGEMENT.

"THE KID."

A summons for infringement of copyright in connection with a film entitled "The Kid" was brought by the Hongkong Amusements, Ltd., against the How Woo Company, of Hollywood Road, as distributors, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks was for the prosecution, and Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, for the defence, pleaded not guilty.

During the outlining of his case, Mr. Brooks read extracts from the Copyright Ordinance in support of the infringement and also referred to an Order-in-Council by which the scope of the copyright, which was an American one, was made applicable in Hongkong.

Mr. Butler, manager of the Hongkong Amusements, Ltd., giving evidence from the witness box, produced an agreement by which his company, as owners of the Queen's Theatre, were alone entitled to show the film in Hongkong. He said it came to his knowledge by means of a handbill that the picture was going to be shown at the Kwong Chee Theatre, Yaumati. Witness wrote to the solicitors and as a result of a letter the picture was not shown. Last year, witness continued, the picture was going to be shown at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., and at that time he was instructed by Mr. Ray (managing director) to put an advertisement, which appeared in the "China Mail."

In answer to a query as to who are the owners of the copyright, witness said that, by the rights conferred on them, nobody else could show the picture. Sergeant J. F. Kennedy said that on instructions of the Director of Criminal Intelligence he made inquiries at the Kwong Chee Theatre as to whether the film had been shown. He found six reels of the film with a label bearing the name of the How Woo Company, Hollywood Road. Witness said he found the censorship card in order. It was dated May 15, 1924, and bore the name of the Queen's Theatre. Witness was unable to give the name of the owners as the card had been mislaid.

Mr. Leask mentioned that he had a copy of the card and the How Woo Film Corporation were put down as owners. Continuing, he said that the proceedings were entirely misconceived. He argued that in an infringement of this nature the owner was the only person entitled to bring proceedings. All through the English Act the owner was referred to, but the Hongkong Amusements, Ltd., were only licencees. He concluded by saying that they had no right to bring proceedings in this Court and pointed out that there had been no wilful infringement. The picture bore the name of the How Woo Film Company and when they found they could not show it they sent it to Shanghai.

The case was adjourned for one week.

DESPERATE STRUGGLE.

At the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, a Chinese arrested for cutting trees was remanded for one week as another arrest was in hospital. Inspector McWalters said that two Indian constables were escorting two men to the station when one of them "grabbed at the policeman's revolver. A desperate struggle ensued in which the man had to be disabled with blows on his head with the truncheon."

eradicated by the appointment of a really efficient General Board of Health.

Well versed in his profession he also had a large fund of information, he was a man with whom it was a pleasure to talk and argue. In his dealings with the Board he was always courteous and never impatient. He and the speaker had had many a tilt on the Board, and a little while after met to wash down any sting there might have been. He thought it would be fitting that some record of their appreciation of his work should be recorded in the minutes and a copy forwarded to Dr. Pearse. He therefore moved "that this Board records its appreciation of the valuable services performed upon it by Dr. Pearse during the time he was Medical Officer of Health."

Dr. S. W. T'so seconded, adding his appreciation to that voiced by Dr. Koch.

The motion was carried unanimously. Members present were: Dr. A. G. M. Seyern, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. J. C. Macgown, Col. Boylan Smith, Dr. S. W. T'so, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. S. C. Ho and Mr. R. A. D. Forrest (secretary).

MAGISTRACY ITEMS.

FEATURES IN MORNING CASES.

A POLICE CHASE.

A Chinese pantry boy on the s.s. "Tai Shan" led the police on a long chase from the Wing Lok Street wharf yesterday when he was suspected by a detective of carrying opium. He was eventually stopped by an Indian constable with six tael of prepared opium in his possession.

The man was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning and fined \$1,000, or six months' hard labour.

An Incurable Rogue.

"This is your fourth conviction for stealing; you are an incurable rogue," said the Magistrate in sentencing another youth to four months' imprisonment for the theft of shoes.

Evidence in the case showed that defendant and another man were observed to be walking in Centre Street carrying the shoes and were stopped by a detective. One of them promptly bolted and made his escape, while the other was seized in the act of running away. The arrested man later took the detective to the shop from which the shoes were stolen and the articles were identified by the shopkeeper.

Serious Charges.

Two ruffian workers were each charged separately with harbouring unmarried girls and removing them from lawful custody. The complainant in one case was a fisherman, the father of a girl of 15. The other girl was alleged to have been enticed from the home of her aunt. Hearing was adjourned until Friday afternoon.

Drunkness.

C. M. Payne, a building foreman, who was recently fined for being found drunk and incapable, was again in Court on a similar charge.

Defendant related his "sorrows" consequent on being without work and promised to behave himself in future if he was let off this time. He was asked to pay a fine of \$10, or fourteen days.

Followed a Clue.

Smart amateur detective work was disclosed in a case before Major Willson where it was stated that a man who lost a quilt from a verandah followed footprints left by the thief along the verandah of five houses and caught him sleeping with the quilt over his body. The thief was given three weeks' hard labour.

THE TEMPERATURES.

LOW RECORD FOR JUNE.

On Tuesday, June 1, between 2.48 p.m. and 3.05 p.m. the temperature fell from 75.0 degree to 68.5 degree; (the lowest on the record for June; beating the previous record on June 10, 1899, of 0.4 degree). The relative humidity in the same interval increased from 67% to 91%.

At 2 a.m. on June 2, the temperature fell still lower, to 68.2 degree. This will probably make June 2 the coldest June day on record, the previous lowest mean daily temperature in this month having been 72.1 degree on June 13, 1886. These low temperatures are due to an anticyclone which formed over China on May 29, began to move eastward on May 31, but slowed down and strengthened on June 1. Very exceptional conditions for June.

RAINFALL RECORD.

AT BOTANIC GARDENS DURING MAY.

Date	Inches
1st	0
2nd	0
3rd	0
4th	0
5th	0
6th	0
7th	0
8th	0
9th	0
10th	0
11th	.38
12th	.28
13th	0
14th	0
15th	0
16th	0
17th	.08
18th	0
19th	0
20th	.08
21st	1.32
22nd	.60
23rd	.58
24th	1.31
25th	.86
26th	.39
27th	0
28th	0
29th	.05
30th	.01
31st	0
Total	5.83

COAL CRISIS.

GRAVE NATIONAL PERIL
FEARED.

DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, June 1.

A debate on the coal crisis was initiated in the House of Commons by Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader. He emphasised that the situation was fraught with grave national peril. The House must endeavour to make some practical contribution to the solution. He criticised the Government's handling of the crisis, especially the withdrawal of the subsidy, and declared that money must be found to put the coal industry on its legs. The problem which future Governments would have to face would be that the only complete form of co-ordination in the coal pits was nationalisation (labour cheers).

Legislation Urged.

Mr. D. Lloyd-George, the Liberal leader, urged the Government to introduce forthwith legislation for the reconstruction of the coal industry.

No Political Control.

Mr. S. Baldwin, Prime Minister, said he was willing to resume negotiations at any moment, but he was unwilling to pledge the taxpayers' money indefinitely to support this one industry, nor would he be forced by the stoppage to take political control of the mines. Whatever settlement was ultimately reached probably some Government assistance would be necessary. The Government was prepared to do that, but, pending a settlement, he was unable to say what the form or amount of the assistance would be. "No Government could compel a settlement, but the moment there was the first glimmer of a temper for negotiations the Government would do its best to assuage the differences and asperities and see fair play. It would undertake any necessary legislation." Primarily the future depended on the statesmanship of the two parties to the dispute, for no force imposed on reluctant men could bring a lasting peace.

Speech of "Despair."

A Labour amendment to reduce the Vote for the Ministry of Mines on which the debate arose, was defeated by 252 votes to 108.

Mr. Philip Snowden (Labourite) said that he had never listened to a speech with such hopelessness and despair as he had heard the Prime Minister that evening. He (Mr. Snowden) was of opinion that the only solution to the deadlock was action by the Government itself.

POSITION OUTLINED.

Government's Liberty of Action.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, June 1.

In the House of Commons Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Labour leader, asked what was the present position in regard to the coal subsidy.

The Prime Minister referred to the letter addressed to the Miners' Federation on May 22, stating that it would be impossible for the Government to hold open beyond the end of the month the offer of a subsidy of £3,000,000. He said that as this letter had elicited no response the Government must reserve to itself complete liberty of action.

Paralysing Effect.

Later, when the House went into Committee of Supply on a Vote for the Mines Department, Mr. MacDonald again raised the question of the coal stoppage. In view of the paralysing effect of the stoppage upon great national industries, he urged that the Government could not afford any longer to stand aside.

Desolating Conflict.

Mr. Lloyd-George, the Liberal leader, declared that there was nothing left but for the Government to act. He referred to a letter written by Mr. Herbert Smith, President of the Miners' Federation, in which Mr. Smith said that he would not accept any wage reduction before the reconstruction of the coal industry, and that he was willing to accept the logical conclusions of reconstruction, but that he wanted to be assured first that the economic conditions of the industry, rendered a wage reduction essential before he accepted a wage reduction. Mr. Lloyd George suggested that the Prime Minister should take action on the basis of the Coal Commission's report—that he should introduce legislation for the purposes of reconstruction of the coal industry, and should set up a Wages Board. He believed that that would bring this desolating conflict to an end.

Mr. Baldwin's Reply.

The Prime Minister, in replying, declared that the proposals which had been made by the Government for a settlement of the dispute, and which the coal owners and the

DRUG TRAFFIC.

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS
AGAINST CHINA.

"SCENE" AT GENEVA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, June 1.

"Great Britain is poisoning the world with its drugs" exclaimed Mr. Chu, the Chinese representative on the League's Advisory Committee on Opium.

Sir Malcolm Delevingne said that Great Britain had complained that 200 kilograms of morphine and heroin had been sent to Shanghai from Germany, the Chinese Government certifying that these drugs were intended for medical purposes in the Shanghai hospitals, whereas they were destined for other uses, and, in spite of Great Britain's representations in this connection to the Chinese Government, the consignment was released.

This brought Mr. Chu's exclamation above-mentioned. He protested excitedly against the alleged attack on his Government, adding that the anti-British feeling in China was increasing daily.

M. Bourgeois (France), presiding, cut a lively incident short and announced the ten interval.

PORTUGAL.

PERSONNEL OF NEW
GOVERNMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Coimbra, June 1.

The revolutionary provisional Government comprises:

Major Ochoa, Minister of the Interior, Commerce, and Foreign Affairs.

General Gomescosta, Minister for War, the Colonies, and Agriculture.

Major Sabesquadras, Minister for Marine, Finance, and Justice.

DANISH FLIGHT.

BOTVED REACHES TOKYO
AT LAST.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, June 1.

Botved, the Danish aviator, completed his flight from Denmark, arriving at Tokorozawa, north of Tokyo, at 11.08, from Osaka.

He probably will be returning shortly, flying via Siberia.

miners had both rejected, were an attempt to deal with the problem strictly on the lines of the Coal Commission's report. The coal owners resented what they called political interference. He had never concealed his view that the less industries had to do with the Government the better. But it was impossible for this or any Government to disinterest itself in the affairs of a great basic industry which by its nature had such a repercussion on all the industries of the country. Any Government must seek every way to bring the parties to reason, and to do so if possible without resorting to force. His attempts had so far met with little response. The deadlock continued, but he had not lost touch yet. He was willing to resume negotiations at any minute, but not to pledge the taxpayers' money indefinitely to support this one industry. Nor was he willing to be forced by the stoppage to take political control of the mines.

Temporary Subsidy?

A temporary subsidy of some form or other would, however, be necessary. No Government could compel a settlement. It could neither compel the owners to work their pits nor the men to go down them. The moment there was the first glimmer of a temper for resumed negotiations, then there would be a great deal that the Government could do to assuage differences and asperities and to see fair play. A great deal could be done, and all that the Government could do it would do.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the members for the mining constituencies of Montgomeryshire and Mansfield, representing different parties, had publicly appealed for a more reasonable attitude toward the negotiations among their own colleagues.

Wisdom Coming!

"Wisdom," concluded the Prime Minister, "is the slowest growth among plants, but it will come in time and sooner than many people expect. I am not sure now that I do not see that small movement of earth where the shoots of a new plant are beginning to appear. The moment that happens, I shall, as I have done hitherto, buckle to the task once more, and if it be then that legislation will help, I shall be prepared to introduce it."

FOREIGN PIGS.

CAUSE OF FOOT AND MOUTH
DISEASE.

DEFINITE EVIDENCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rugby, June 1.

Lieut.-Colonel W. E. Guinness, Minister of Agriculture, addressing the Council of Agriculture in London, stated that the important discovery had been made that the new outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Scotland was traceable to foreign pigs imported for curing at British curing factories. He said:

"There have been seven outbreaks of disease in the vicinity of a bacon factory at Carlisle, and they are all traced to virulently infected carcasses of pigs brought from Belgium through Holland. Apart from the carcasses at Carlisle we have another case of infection at Carlisle, and a shipload, including infected carcasses, has arrived at Leith. An embargo has been placed on the landing of that cargo, and it has been sent back to the port of origin."

"We have long suspected that foot and mouth disease must be brought to this country by foreign meat and especially offal. For the first time we have obtained definite evidence. It must be remembered that at the Ministry of Agriculture we have no machinery in an ordinary case for inspecting meat cargoes at ports, but now that we have traced back this outbreak I think that it is absolutely imperative that we should take action to minimise the risk. At the same time this matter raises issues of great importance, affecting foreign countries as well as ourselves. I must get the approval of my colleagues as to any action which may be taken."

FRENCH "ACE."

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, June 1.

The flight of Pelletier D'Oisy to



Tokyo is likely to be resumed after June 7.

HUMAN CHAIN.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN SAVED
AT SEA.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, June 1.

A tanker rammed and sank the steamer "Washington Irving" running between Albany and New York.

Six hundred passengers were rescued. There were no serious injuries, but a number of women fainted.

The crew of the steamer, who were very cool, formed a human chain by means of which the women and children were lowered to the lifeboats, whence they were picked up by other ships which rushed to the scene of the disaster.

AMERICA'S "BURDEN"

FAST GROWING DISLIKE
ABROAD.

PRESSING DEBT CLAIMS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, June 1.

Mr. Addipham Ochs, the principal owner and publisher of the New York Times, who has returned from a three week's visit to Europe, on being interviewed, advocated the cancellation of war debts and the dedication of the sums concerned to the furtherance of permanent peace.

He declared that Americans were returning from abroad "with an impression that we are not liked and the feeling is growing so fast that it eventually will become a burden."

Mr. Ochs attributed the dislike to the European conception of America as a very wealthy nation pressing them to pay debts that we ourselves know they can never pay."

ONLY A WATER POT.

LEADS TO MORE COMMUNAL
RIOTING.

INDIANS INVOLVED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Calcutta, June 1.

A very trifling incident arising out of a Mohammedan touching a Hindu's water pot led to a communal riot at Halishabar, 25 miles from Calcutta. The mill hands belonging to both communities indulged in free fighting with sticks and stones. Twenty of them were seriously injured.

OLEX.

GERMANS AND PETROLEUM
INDUSTRY.

REGAINING WAR LOSSES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, June 1.

At the general meeting of the Erdöl Company, Germany's biggest oil organisation, the Chairman announced that the Company's buying, selling, and distributing organisations have been turned into a separate Company called Olex, which had signed a several years' delivery agreement with the Anglo-Persian Company. The Erdöl Company had thereby regained the production which was lost through the war and won again to a certain extent its position in the petroleum industry throughout the world.

CLEANING UP.

DANGEROUS POCKET IN
MOROCCO.

WAR PARTY RESISTING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, June 1.

There still remains cleaning up to be done in Morocco. Now that a dangerous pocket formed by Beni-Zual has been practically eliminated, the French and Spaniards have a clear district north-east of Wezzan. This means joint action against the Jebala tribe in the direction of Sheshuan, necessitating a considerable Spanish advance. The war party in the Rif appears to be preparing to resist. Abdelkrim's War Minister, accompanied by the Rifian Harka, is reported to have arrived at Sheshuan.

TO HEAL SORES.

AIMS OF FRANCO-GERMAN
COMMITTEE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, June 1.

An important step to foster Franco-German friendship and remove causes of mutual distrust, has been taken in the formation of a body styled the Committee of Information and Documentation, comprising numerous influential commercial and industrial personalities of both countries, and also ex-Ambassador Laurent and Duke Ergle of the Academy of Science on behalf of France, and the former Foreign Minister Simons and ex-Secretary of State, Von Simon, on behalf of Germany. Offices will be established in Paris and Berlin to exchange information.

PRESIDENT RESIGNS.

COMPLICATED POSITION IN
PORTUGAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Lisbon, June 1.

The Portuguese President has resigned. The precise reasons are at present not announced, but the situation was recently complicated by the action of the Confederation of Labour in preparing to oppose any attempt at the establishment of a military dictatorship. On the contrary the revolutionary leaders at the earliest moment expressed their desire to the President that the new Government would be formed outside of the political parties.

Troops in the Northern and Southern Divisions, supporting Costa, are marching on Lisbon and will encamp on the outskirts pending the arrival of their General.

POLISH PRESIDENT.

SUCCESS OF PILSUDSKI'S
NOMINEE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Warsaw, June 1.

Professor Mozicki, engineer and industrialist, General Pilsudski's nominee, has been elected President. There were two other candidates, one of which was a Socialist, who received a solitary vote.

BLOWN UP.

SEQUEL TO AMERICAN
MURDER TRIAL.

HOUSE DYNAMITED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Bridgewater, (Massachusetts), June 1.

The house of Samuel Johnson, brother-in-law of one of the principal State witnesses in the trial of the Italians Sacco and Vanzetti, who were sentenced to death for the murder of a cashier in 1924, was blown up by dynamite this morning.

Johnson and his family were not injured.

FAREWELL PARTY.

TO PROFESSOR W. J.
HINTON, M.A.

A farewell party was held on Monday evening (May 31), by the Association of Past and Present Commercial Students of the Hongkong University, in the Union Assembly Room in honour of its President, Prof. W. J. Hinton, M.A., who is going home on furlough by the "Antenor" which sailed to-day at noon. A group photo was taken to commemorate the occasion.

Mr. Wong Ping-ju took the chair and eulogised Prof. Hinton's sympathetic and kindly attitude towards the students.

Mr. B. M. Tahat gave an account of Prof. Hinton's multifarious activities in connection with the University. He was its first Registrar and the mainstay of the Faculty of Arts in its earlier days, having been its first Dean. He was also described as the "founder, promoter, underwriter and sole managing director of the present Department of Commerce." It was also through his support and advice that the Association of Past and Present Commercial Students came into being. Prof. Hinton was also Warden of Lugard Hall at one time.

Mr. Ng Bow-poo, President of the University Union, showed how interested Prof. Hinton had been in promoting the social activities of the undergraduates. He was Hon. Treasurer of the Union and had organised debating classes and an association for the promotion of economic studies. This association is claimed to be the forerunner of the present Arts Association with its three affiliated societies, the Commercial Association and the Law and Education Societies, each producing a journal of its own.

Messrs. Wei Tit and N. V. Nguyen also paid tribute to Prof. Hinton for his valuable services and related the pleasant experiences they have had with him and the many useful lessons they have learnt by associating with him.

Mr. Keeton, B.A., L.L.B., who will be in charge of the Department of Commerce during Prof. Hinton's absence, referred to his genial personality and the readiness with which he has assisted all those who went to him with their difficulties. "Prof. Hinton, in his reply, dealt on the reasons which prompted him to leave the colony and spend a year in England. He remarked that he was a great admirer of the Chinese student and that he could never feel sorry for having come out to the East. He said that he has decided to spend the rest of his active life in the work that he has been engaged in for the past few years. He sees a great future for the Department of Commercial Training, the creation of which was advocated by the Sharp Commission in 1920.—Contributed."

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

June 2—Queen's Theatre: "Que Vadis."

June 2—Star Theatre: "A Question of Honour."

June 2—World Theatre: Broadway Rose."

Sports.

June 5—Third Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, at the Race Course, Happy Valley.

June 12—Members of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, hold their first bathing picnic.

Auctions.

June 4—At No. 90 Nathan Road, Kowloon, Lammet Bros. will auction household furniture, 11 a.m.

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Miscellaneous.

June 2—Dollar Sale at Messrs. Whiteway, Laidlaw & Co., Ltd.

June 3—King's Birthday parade at Happy Valley, 8 a.m. "Fifth Lancers" Procession, 9.45 a.m.

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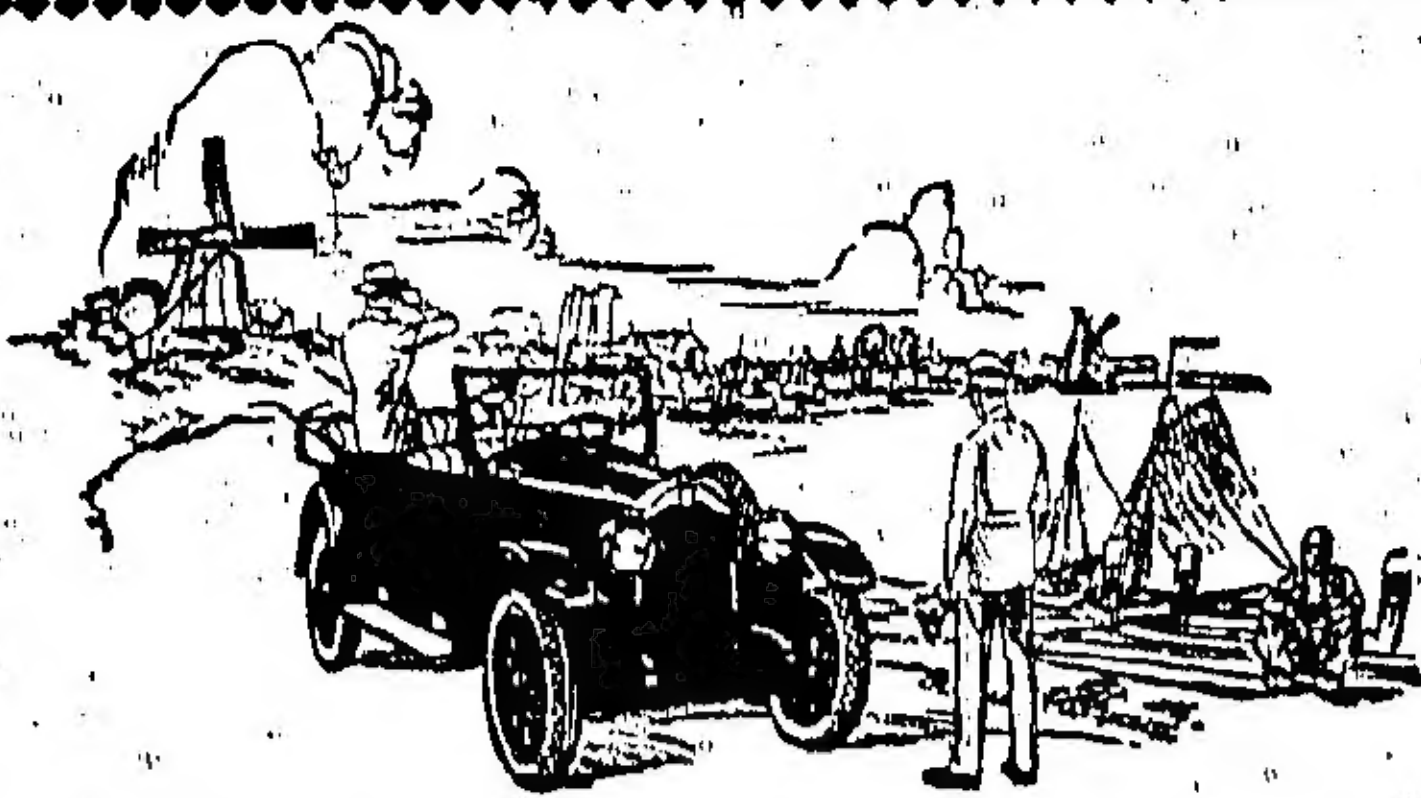
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Fire and Marine Insurance offices will be closed to the transaction of public business on Thursday, June 3, (King's Birthday).

A Chinese woman who persisted in hawking outside the limits provided by her licence was warned of the consequences of ignoring the police and fined \$4 by the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday.

A charge of larceny of bangles from a small child preferred against a Chinese girl at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday failed to be proved owing to conflicting evidence and she was discharged.

A Chinese removed thirty-four eye nuts from port holes on the s.s. "Kashima" but failed to evade the searchers at the wharf. He was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy with the theft of the nuts and sentenced to three months' hard labour.

The case against the master of an engineering shop at Yau-matui who stands charged with unlawful possession of dismantled cannon was again adjourned at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday owing to defending counsel being engaged at the Supreme Court. Hearing has now been fixed for Tuesday afternoon.

Tokyo, May 21.—The Aniwa Bay of South Saghalien has been blockaded entirely by icebergs, and all vessels bound for the Aniwa Bay are returning to Otaru Harbour, Hokkaido. The s.s. "Kasuga Maru" (1,200 tons) on the 18th instant collided with an iceberg at a point ten miles off Noto Port, but managed to enter Ohtomari Harbour in spite of serious damage.

On receipt of information that an armed robbery had been planned to take place at Prince Edward Road, detectives from Kowloon City lay in wait and arrested two men. Two daggers were found and one of the arrested men was sentenced at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday to twelve months' hard labour on a charge of unlawful possession of the weapons.

Caught smoking a cigarette inside the Court yesterday, the Kowloon Magistrate fined a Chinese \$3 for the offence.

The annual meeting of the China Association will be held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co. on Thursday June 10 at 5.15 p.m.

Messrs. Whiteaway Laidlaw and Co., Ltd., on Monday, the first day of the special "Dollar" sale, served 3,243 people. Whiteaway's sales are always popular.

The "North Borneo Herald" understands that there is possibility of a few American service sea-planes visiting Sandakan in the near future. There will doubtless be much competition for participation in the trial flights which will be arranged for a chosen few.

Peking, May 19.—Three hundred and eighty-nine of the so-called "bribed members of Parliament," so far, have assembled in Peking from the various provinces, and as soon as the required quorum is reached, they intend to open Parliament with the object of revising the Constitution and electing a President. Under the old Constitution the number of members in the Assembly is 596, and in the Senate 274.

London, May 17.—Stringent penalties are set forth in the Betting Tax Bill, published today, which empowers Magistrates to endorse a bookmaker's certificate in case of misdemeanour, as motorists' licences are now endorsed, also, if necessary, to suspend the certificate. It imposes a penalty of £100 on bookmakers who endeavour to obtain a certificate during the period of his disqualification. The Police are empowered to visit any premises devoted to betting and arrest without a warrant anybody accepting a bet without issuing revenue tickets, or failing to produce a bookmaker's certificate on demand. A fine of £100 is enforceable in case of any contravention of the law. "Times of Ceylon."

Tientsin, May 20.—General Chin Yon-ao, in conspiracy with the Kuomintang forces, is planning to invade Shantung. It is freely rumoured that it is General Chin who will open a way for the next great civil war in North China.

Tientsin, May 20.—Contrary to their original announcement, the Chihli and Shantung military authorities still fail to convert military notes. Consequently, Chinese citizens here have begun to take exception to the notes, and a general strike again may result.

Washington, May 23.—The naval appropriation bill which the President signed on Friday, provides for the immediate construction of three light cruisers and other items totalling \$331,000,000. Most of this sum will be required for routine repairs and upkeep.

Strong complaints continue to be received of the conduct of Shantung soldiers in various parts of Chihli where they are stationed, and also of Wu Pei-fu's men. Robbery and outrage are incessant, and if their officers try to restrain them, they also are liable to be shot. The soldiers' brutality to the villagers is unrestrained.

Washington, May 24.—President Coolidge has signed the Watson-Parker bill providing the machinery for the mediation of railroad labour troubles. The law is regarded by its sponsors as a guarantee against railroad strikes in the future. The Senate passed the civil service bill providing for the retirement of government employees on annuities not exceeding \$1,200.

Tientsin, May 25.—In view of the fact that the military situation in North China has settled, the 1st Battalion and a section of machine-gun troops belonging to the 63rd Infantry Regiment (which were despatched from Port Arthur to reinforce the Japanese Garrison), ordered to return to their original post, departed for Port Arthur this morning aboard the s.s. "Saitau Maru."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. F. A. Cumming is passing through the Colony on her way from Shanghai to England. Mrs. Cumming expects to remain in Europe until the latter part of 1927. She is a passenger on the Blue Funnel liner "Antenor."

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoffin for the marriage at Wesley Church, Ipoh, on June 5, of Agnes Hetherington and Ernest O. Montford. A reception will follow at the Station Hotel, Ipoh.

Mr. L. N. Murphy, Agent of the Hongkong Bank, Colombo, leaves shortly for Calcutta to act for the Agent of the Calcutta branch. Mr. A. W. W. Wilkinson, who has arrived at Colombo from Ipoh, will act for Mr. Murphy.

An extraordinary meeting of the Civil Service Cricket Club was held at the Sanitary Board Room yesterday afternoon, when the agenda dealt with certain proposed extensions of the Club's activities. The proceedings were private.

The *ad hoc* concert arranged for Monday evening, at the Vicarage Tennis Court, Kowloon, in aid of the Church Missionary Association and St. Peter's Church repair fund, has been postponed until Monday, June 21. It is hoped to raise \$1,000 from this concert.

Mrs. Anderson, wife of Mr. Anderson of the Maritime Customs at Canton, was brought down by the "Fatsan" yesterday and conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital where it is expected she will remain for the next fortnight. Mrs. Anderson's condition is not serious.

Passengers departing for Australia yesterday per s.s. "Tanda" included:—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boyers, Professor and Mrs. J. L. Shellshear, Mr. Stewart Hope, Mr. L. Moller, Captain H. C. Udden, Captain T. Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. M. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Perrier, and Miss A. Woods.

A telegram was received at Tientsin on May 20 stating that Sir Ronald Macleay, the British Minister, who had been on a shooting trip near Peltatho, was suffering from acute gastritis, and was returning to Tientsin immediately. On arrival at Tientsin he was met by a doctor with an ambulance and conveyed to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ker.

The engagement is announced of Lucie Frances, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shellam, Fengti, and F. H. Williams, formerly of the Peking-Mukden Railway, Tongshan.

H. M. King George has approved the appointment of Mr. W. A. R. Wood, C.I.E., to be His Majesty's Consul-General for the Monthons of Bayah, Maharashtra, Nakhon Sawan and Pitsanuloke, to reside at Chiangmai.

Toledo, Ohio, May 22.—Buenaventura Garcia Faredes, superior of the Order of Madrid, was elected superior general of the Dominican order to-day. He was well known in the Philippines.

The marriage arranged between Herbert Henniker Heaton (Colonial Secretary, Bermuda) and Helena Iris, daughter of the late Col. Sir H. E. McCallum, G.C.M.G., and Lady McCallum, is to take place on June 4 in Bermuda.

London, May 24.—It is persistently reported that the engagement of Prince Nicholas of Rumania to Princess Elizabeth of Greece, soon will be announced. Prince Nicholas is the second son of King Boris of Rumania and will become crown prince if his brother, the former Crown Prince Carol, persists in his refusal to inherit the throne.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Robert Gardner, which occurred at Tientsin on May 17. The late Mr. Gardner was the representative of the well-known British firm of Crittall's, the agency for which was recently transferred from Whitall and Co., to Jardine's Engineering Department. Deceased was, we believe, a native of Essex, England, and came of an old professional family in that county.

The death is announced of Mr. O. Ulrich, consulting engineer for Messrs. B. Grimm and Co., which occurred on May 20, at the Nursing Home, Bangkok. He had been laid up for about ten days. Mr. Ulrich first came to Siam in 1907 or 1908 to join Messrs. The Siam Electricity Co., Ltd., during the time of Mr. Westenholtz. He fitted up a new power installation, etc. Two years later he returned to Germany and came back to Siam in November, 1925, to join the firm of Messrs. B. Grimm and Co., as chief engineer.

Yesterday afternoon a jumble sale was held at the Union Church Rooms in aid of charities. Mrs. J. Kirk Macdonald was in charge and an appreciable sum was realised between 2.30 and 4 p.m., at which time most of the articles on sale had been sold.

New York, May 23.—Physicians attending Evangeline Cory Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army in the United States since 1904, admitted to-day that there was slight hope for her recovery. They did not disclose the nature of her illness.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Corson, of the Electricity Department, S.V.C., which occurred at the General Hospital, Shanghai, early on the morning of May 25. The late Mr. Corson had been ill for some time and had undergone several operations for abdominal troubles. The late Mr. Corson was 26 years of age and went to Shanghai some years ago. He was a very enthusiastic Volunteer, and served nearly four years in the S.V.C., being Technical Officer to the Machine Gun Company at the time of his death.

Shanghai Zionists held a meeting at the Jewish Recreation Club, Broadway, Shanghai, on May 24, in order to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Palestine Foundation Fund. The meeting emphasised Jewish progress achieved in Palestine, with the aid of Great Britain as the Mandatory Power. A special message to the local Zionists was read from Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the Zionist leader. Addresses were delivered by Rabbi M. Ashkinazi, Mr. George E. Sokolsky, Mr. Haim Soloveitchik, and others.

New York, May 23.—Mr. C. E. Hughes, former secretary of state, announced definitely to-day that he would not accept the republican nomination for governor of the state of New York under any circumstances. Enormous pressure has been brought to bear by the New York Republican organization which feels that it will take a man of unusual prestige to stand against Governor Al Smith or anyone the latter might select. Former Secretary Hughes said that he intended to remain in private life to reorganise his personal affairs which suffered through years spent as a public official.

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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

EPSOM DERBY.

TWENTY STARTERS LEFT FOR TO-DAY.

CHANGE IN BETTING.

Swift and Sure Now Second Favourite.

The greatest classic of the Home turf, the Derby (1½ miles) will be run at Epsom to-day. Twenty names are left in, out of an entry of over three hundred, but there may be minor changes before the result comes through just before midnight to-night.

A feature which catches the eye is the absence of Steve Denoghe from the list of riders. Steve won on Manna last year, bringing much joy to Shanghai and to Mr. Henry Morris's friends in Hongkong.

In the latest betting, which arrived this morning, it will be seen that Coronach has lost the place of "second favourite." Swift and Sure being slightly ahead.

Local "agents" are, I hear, accepting bets at the cable prices. At this distance, I have no advice to offer, except that 5 to 4 seems much to short a price for Colorado. A few days before the 3,000 Guineas, Colorado ran fourth, in five, in a trial. Still, his Guineas victory was quite conclusive.

"PATROL."

Latest Betting.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, June 1.

The latest betting stands at—Colorado, 6/4 taken and offered. Swift and Sure, 7/1 taken and offered. Coronach, 7/1 offered, 8/1 taken and wanted. Apple Sammy, 18/1 offered, 20/1 taken. Pines, 28/1 taken and offered. Climb, 33/1 taken and offered. Review Order, 33/1 offered. Harpagon, 40/1 taken and offered. Tenacity, 50/1 taken and offered. Macanudo, 50/1 taken and offered. Comedy King, 50/1 taken and offered. Lancelotti, 50/1 taken and offered. Warmist, 50/1 offered. Punter, 66/1 taken and offered. Legros, 100/1 taken. St. Mary's Kirk, 100/1 taken and offered. Bassoon, 100/1 taken and offered. Simon the Beggar, 100/1 taken and offered.

Minor Changes.

Several cables were received last night, amending the list of probable starters. The cables state:—Gay Lothario scratched at 12.45 p.m. yesterday (as reported in yesterday's issue). Add to the list:—Cecily (Jockey, Thwaites). Omit:—Gay Lothario, and Hercules. Burns rides St. Mary's Kirk (for which no rider was given yesterday). The amended list now reads:—

Horse.	Jockey.
Apple Sammy.	Jellies.
Bassoon.	Quirke.
Cecily.	Thwaites.
Climb.	Smirke.
Colorado.	Weston.
Comedy King.	Denney.
Coronach.	Childs.
Finglas.	Archibald.
Harpagon.	Elliot.
Lancelotti.	Portman.
Legros.	Kirby.
Macanudo.	Beary.
Macanudo.	Lane.
Macanudo.	Wragg.
Macanudo.	H. Bousley.
Macanudo.	Burns.
Macanudo.	J. Leach.
Macanudo.	Swift and Sure.
Macanudo.	R. Jones.
Macanudo.	Tenacity.
Macanudo.	Warmist.
Macanudo.	Ewing.

BILLIARDS EXHIBITION.

Mr. Claud Falkner, the British billiards professional now visiting Hongkong, played Mr. W. Brown at the Engineer's Institute, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Brown brought off some very good shots. He scored 80 while Falkner was getting 918. Falkner was half way to his points before he put up a big break, this being one of 221.

When wanting just over a hundred for game, he ran out with a good all round break of 257.

Scores: Falkner 918 (breaks 64, 42, 86, 43, 221, 46, 38, 257). Mr. Brown 80 (highest break 11).

[Note: Mr. Brown recently beat Gray, another professional, on practically level points.]

In a game of snooker, Falkner beat Mr. A. J. O'Connell (local champion) by 51 to 33.

INTERPORT MATCH.

F.M.S. SCORE 224 AGAINST HONGKONG.

OUR BOWLERS' FIGURES.

Bowler Takes 6 Wickets. For 96 Runs.

Kuala Lumpur, June 1. The F.M.S. were all out (1st innings) for 224 runs, in the interport cricket match against Hongkong.

Rhodes made 58, Maartenz 38, Mustard 27, Hennessey 28 not out, Tannion (?) 26.

Bowler took 6 wickets, for 91 runs and Reed 3 for 51.

Earlier Cables. Hongkong (1st innings) batting first, made only 41 runs. E. B. Reed was top-scorer, (?) with 9 not out. Hennessey took 7 for 10 and Bostock-Hill 3 for 23.

Timin interval: F.M.S. 16 runs for 3 wickets down. Tea interval: F.M.S. 97 for 8 (Rhodes 32 not out, Gruner 25.) [Note: Play continues to-day.]

DETAILED SCORES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, June 2.

Below are detailed scores in the Federated Malay States v. Hongkong cricket match. (first day's play) at Kuala Lumpur.

Hongkong—1st Innings.

C.Q.M.S. A. J. Stripp, b Hennessey 8

C. R. Sayer, b.w., b Hennessey 3

E. C. Fincher, c Miller, b Hennessey 11

A. W. Ramsay, c Miller, b Bostock-Hill 0

R. Hancock, b Hennessey 0

Capt. R. A. Walters, b Hennessey 1

H. N. Balhatchet, c Bostock-Hill, b Hennessey 3

A. C. I. Bowker, b Hennessey 6

J. D. Humphreys, st. Maartenz, b Bostock-Hill 0

Rev. T. B. Powell, b Bostock-Hill 0

E. B. Reed, not out 9

Extras 2

Total 41

Bowling: Hennessey 7 for 10, Bostock-Hill 3 for 23.

F.M.S.—1st Innings.

Grenier, b.w., b Reed 25

Foster, b Bowker 0

Miller, b Bowker 7

Bostock-Hill, c Ramsay, b Bowker 8

Foster, run out 3

Penman, b Bowker 25

Rhodes, c Ramsay, b Bowker 58

Mustard, b Reed 27

Maartenz, b Bowker 33

Hennessey, not out 27

Extras 11

Total 224

Bowling: Bowler 6 for 96, Reed 3 for 51.

The team returns on Saturday and will probably play the Singapore to-morrow (Thursday).

THE AUSTRALIANS.

MATCH WITH MIDDLESEX DRAWN.

HEAVY SCORING.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, June 1.

At Lords, the match between Middlesex and the Australians was left drawn.

[When play started to-day (third day), the position was:—

Australians (1st) 489 runs.

Middlesex (1st) 233 runs for 6 wickets—(G. T. S. Stevens 114 not out).]

Middlesex were all out for 349.

Stevens went on to 149 runs. His was a solid innings lasting 3½ hours; he hit 12 fours. Murrell made a dashing 54. J. M. Gregory took 4 wickets for 73 runs and Everett 3 for 75.

In their second innings the Australians made 239 runs for 5 wickets. W. M. Woodfull made 100.

Hendry's Illness.

London, May 15.

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COUNTY CRICKET.

SURREY SURPRISINGLY DEFEATED.

YORKSHIRE DROP POINTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, June 1.

County cricket matches completed to-day resulted:—

Lancs. v. Surrey.

At Manchester, Lancashire beat Surrey by 84 runs, winning by the very last ball of the match. Surrey were 95 runs ahead on the first innings! Scores:—

Lancs. (1st) 181 runs.

Mackenzie made 65; P. G. H. Fender took 4 wickets for 48 runs.

Surrey (1st) 278 runs. Shepherd made 57; F. G. H. Fender 56.

Ducat 116; Sibbles took 6 for 98.

Lancs. (2nd) 258 runs. Tyldesley (E.) made 97.

Surrey (2nd) 124 runs. Hobbs made 49.

Yorkshire v. Kent.

At Sheffield, Yorkshire led Kent on the first innings in a drawn match. Scores:—

Kent (1st) 208 runs. Harding made 75; Macaulay took 5 for 65.

Yorks. (1st) 242 runs. Sutcliffe made 68; Holmes 56.

Kent (2nd) 236 runs. Harding made 60; Woolley (F.E.) 94 not out.

Yorks. (2nd) 71 runs for no wicket.

Hants v. Sussex.

At Southampton, Hampshire beat Sussex by ten wickets. Scores:—

Hants (1st) 350 runs. Brown made 84; Mend 65; Capt. T. O. Jameson 54; Boyes 50.

Sussex (1st) 126 runs. Boyes took 6 for 23.

Sussex (2nd), followed on, 333 runs. Langridge made 87; A. H. H. Gillman 70.

Hants (2nd) 111 runs for no wicket. Bowell made 52; Newman 50.

Notts v. Warwick.

At Nottingham, Notts beat Warwickshire by four wickets. Scores:—

Warwick (1st) 135 runs.

Notts (1st) 182 runs. Lilley made 54.

Warwick (2nd) 234 runs. Wyatt made 64.

Notts (2nd) 189 runs for 6 wickets. A. W. Carr made 76.

Derby v. Glamorgan.

At Chesterfield, Derbyshire were to have played Glamorgan, but the result has not been enabled through.

The table (excluding the omitted match) now stands:—

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LORRAINE PALMER

The latest victim of the mysterious Boston "Jack the Ripper" who slashes women and runs away, is Miss Lorraine Palmer whose cheek was ripped open by a razor blade in the hand of the maniac, who escaped.



MRS. MARCELLA C. MODEL

The request of her husband, Rudolph Modell, for a blood-test, intended to determine the parentage of Marcelline, their child, to be performed by physicians appointed by the Court which is hearing their marital difficulties, was agreed to by Mrs. Marcella Modell, who is shown here with the girl.



ALICE PAUL

Alice Paul has been appointed adviser to the Women's Bureau of the United States Department of Labour in Washington, D.C.



These women headed the group which presented petitions at the Senate liquor investigation held at Washington. They all are ardent "drys." Left to right—Mrs. Jessie W. Nicholson, Mrs. W. J. Goodman, of Chicago, President of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society; Mrs. Haynes Lippincott, of Camden, N.J.; Mrs. H. W. Penbody, Boston, national chairman of Law Enforcement League, and Mrs. Samuel Bens, who led the "dry" envoys.



MRS. EUNICE LOUGHEAD

A veritable legal tug-of-war will take place in the Detroit Courts when the suit filed by Malcolm Loughhead, millionaire automobile brake inventor, against Mrs. Eunice Loughhead, of Los Angeles, opens. She alleges that the suit is an attempt to keep her from enjoying her share of the Loughhead fortune.



SIR CHARLES HIGHAM



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Sir Charles Higham, British advertising expert, declares that if the Americans would learn to drink tea, they would not worry about liquor and beer. Sir Thomas Lipton is issuing his conventional challenge for a yacht race, Senate party lines were broken as the fight of Smith W. Brookhart, of Iowa, to hold his office, began in that body. General Lincoln C. Andrews, leading the "war of the dries" in the national capital, asked for more help to enforce Prohibition.



VIVIAN DUNCAN

Vivian Duncan, who stars with her sister, Rosetta, in the "Topsy and Eva" company, has announced her engagement to a young banker, but refuses to tell his name.



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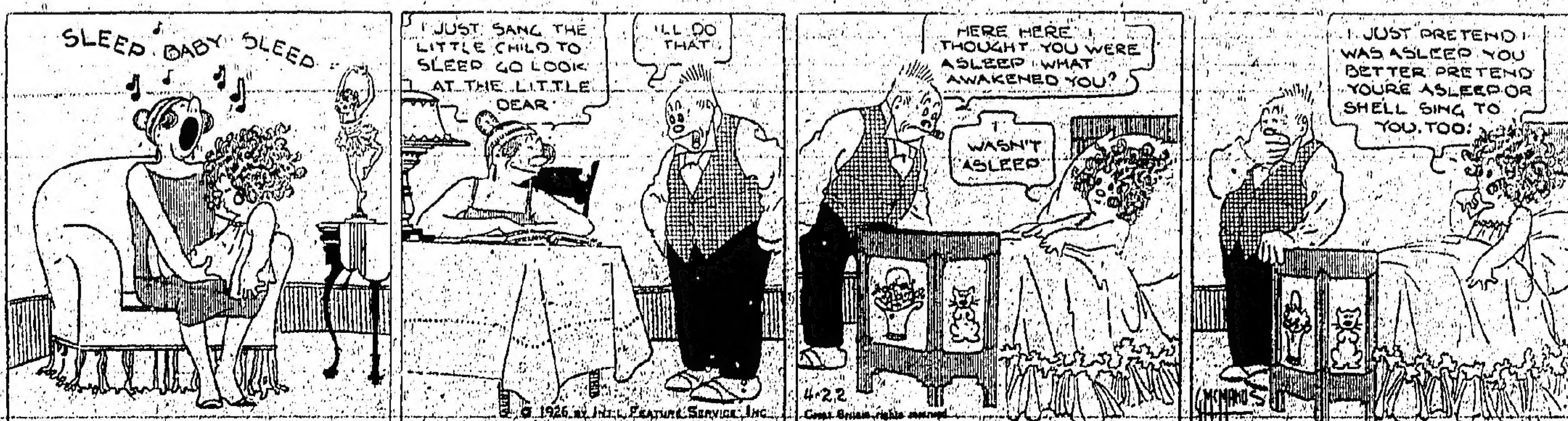
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Judge A. J. Talley, testifying at the Senate Prohibition hearing, declared the dry law had failed. Mr. Henry W. Taft, brother of the Chief Justice, predicted the Volstead Act will remain in force. Cardinal Cerretti, of Paris, was assigned to Italy to oppose Fascism. Hudson Maxim, the inventor, a witness at the Senate "wet and dry" inquiry, called prohibition "the greatest blight ever visited on humanity."

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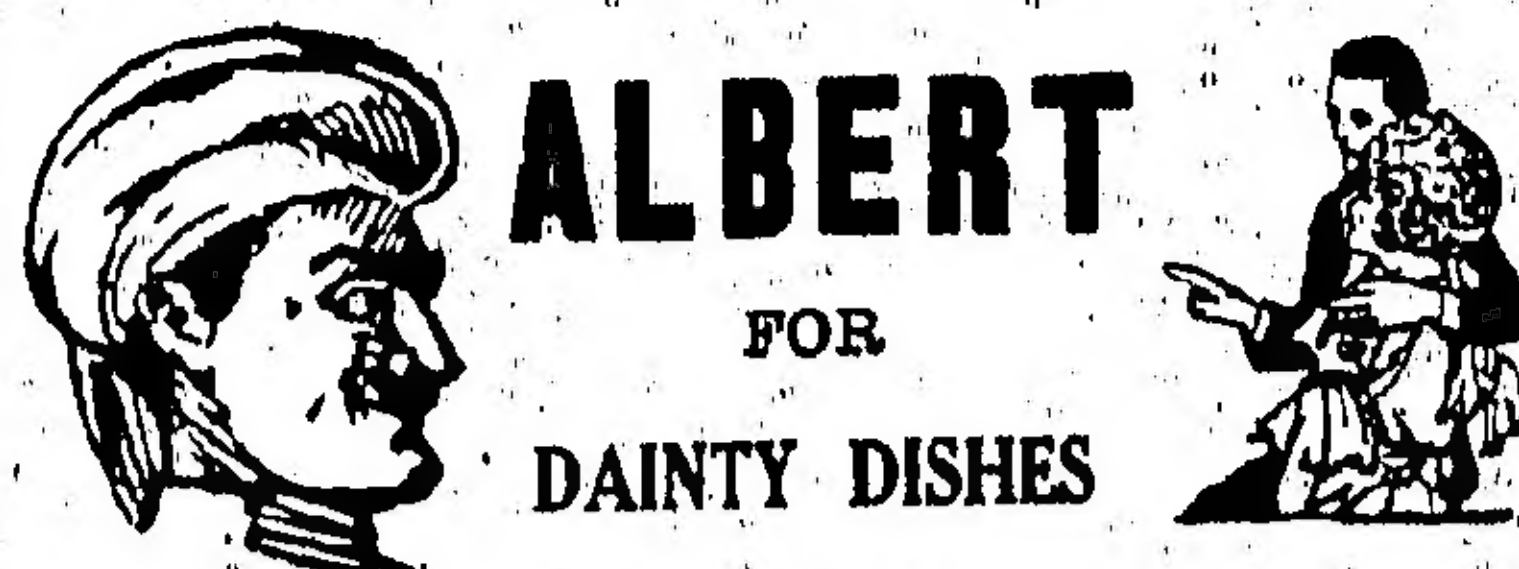
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INTERVIEW WITH DR. YEN.

WHY HE DECIDED TO TAKE OFFICE.

Peking, May 15.

When interviewed by Reuter's correspondent at Hualien, the Presidential Audience Hall, this morning Dr. W. W. Yen appeared very cheerful. No doubt it would be difficult to be otherwise in such delightful surroundings unless menaced with disaster, and Dr. Yen certainly does not fear either the present or the future. He explained that he had been very reluctant to resume the Premiership, but great pressure had been brought to bear upon him from all sides.

The Committee of Safety informed him that it had resolved to cease its functions, and the Elder Statesmen of the Committee urged him to come out and take charge of affairs. General Wang Shih-chen and ex-Viceroy Chao. Eih-hsun in particular expressed the opinion that it was a plain duty on Dr. Yen's part to restore an official administration no matter what sacrifice it entailed. They pointed out that there had been no Government in Peking for some six weeks, and that this state of affairs could not be permitted to continue.

Step into the Breach.

Dr. Yen suggested that one of the Elders should step into the breach. Mr. Chao replied that he was eighty years of age. "You are young," he added, "and the country is calling for you." The question of legality was always in their minds and Dr. Yen had to admit that he was the open door. In doing so he said that he was willing to act as such for an hour, a day or a week, but that he would retire as soon as the situation was clear.

The deciding factor, however, had probably been a letter from representatives in Peking, of the Provincial Assemblies. These gentlemen claimed to have authority to speak for the Assemblies of the sixteen provinces. They were probably the most representative body in the country at the moment. Their communication was very explicit, it pointing out what in their opinion his duty to the country demanded. Refusal on his part they said, would lead to general chaos.

In considering the situation himself, Dr. Yen saw that it was full of difficulties. It reminded him of the time when President Yuan undertook reorganization of the country, and when General Chin Yung-peng as Premier sought to bring about reunification. Both these periods followed internal warfare, from which the country is now suffering.

Government Impoverished.
The difficulties at present, however, appeared to be greater. The people had suffered through the recent wars over a wide area. Refugees from the stricken regions

had flocked to Peking and other centres. The Government was impoverished. Foreign affairs had been neglected, and it was essential that the international conferences should be brought to a satisfactory conclusion. In this connection Dr. Yen paid a hearty tribute to the foreign delegates, who had shown a very sincere desire to aid China in her difficulties, a phase of the proceedings which imposed an extra obligation upon the country to carry the negotiations through.

The political situation was extremely involved. He could see no necessity for further war, and he hoped it might be avoided.

With these considerations in mind, with the Peace Committee going out of existence, it had appeared to Dr. Yen that by standing aside longer he might be guilty of not of moral cowardice at least of excessive caution.

Some of the Chinese papers had suggested that he was unwisely taking a risk, that his future prospects might be injured by failure.

How Germans Faced the War.
Well, he had seen how Germans faced the great war, what tremendous sacrifices they had made for their country. He had no doubt that there were few families in England and France that had not suffered acutely. These people had made no complaint. Why should he stand aside at a critical moment merely because there were difficulties to be met.

He had responded to the call and he intended to see the matter through. Within a week or so he hoped that the present difficulties would begin to dissolve. His policy would be to assist in maintaining co-operation between Marshals Chang Tso-lin and Wu Pei-fu. He did not believe that any serious differences had arisen between them.

As regards the Cabinet, Dr. Yen was not yet certain who would take up their posts or who decline. The formation of the Cabinet had not been wholly his work. Several interests had participated in the task. The names of those selected, of course, had been submitted to him but they had been approached by others who had assured him that all would accept. If some of them declined he would appoint others and go ahead.

Koo Able Diplomat.
Dr. Yen said he was very glad to be able to include Dr. Wellington Koo in the Cabinet. Dr. Koo was a very able diplomat, and his services would be extremely valuable whilst the international conferences were proceeding. The post of Minister of Finance was a most important one and it was essential that it should be ably filled. He had no doubt that Dr. Koo would take up his post.

Mr. Chang Chih-tan had gone to Hankow to consult Marshal Wu Pei-fu upon important matters, and intended to return to Peking as soon as his mission had been fulfilled.

Concerning the Presidency, Dr. Yen said that the matter would be discussed as soon as a full meeting of the Cabinet could be held.

His own resumption of the Premiership would not have implied restoration of Marshal Tsoo Kun to the Presidency, if Marshal Tsoo had not resigned on May 1. For Marshal Tsoo had been elected President on October 6, 1923, whereas the constitution had only been promulgated on October 10. President Tsoo, therefore, had been elected under the same conditions, as President Yuan. The latter had caused to be inserted in the Provisional Constitution a clause intended to provide for his permanent occupation of the Presidency.

Asked what was the position of the Tsoo Kun Parliament, Dr. Yen said that this was another matter that would be discussed by the full Cabinet. They were endeavouring to follow legal methods, which could only be made clear by study of various legal points.—Reuter.

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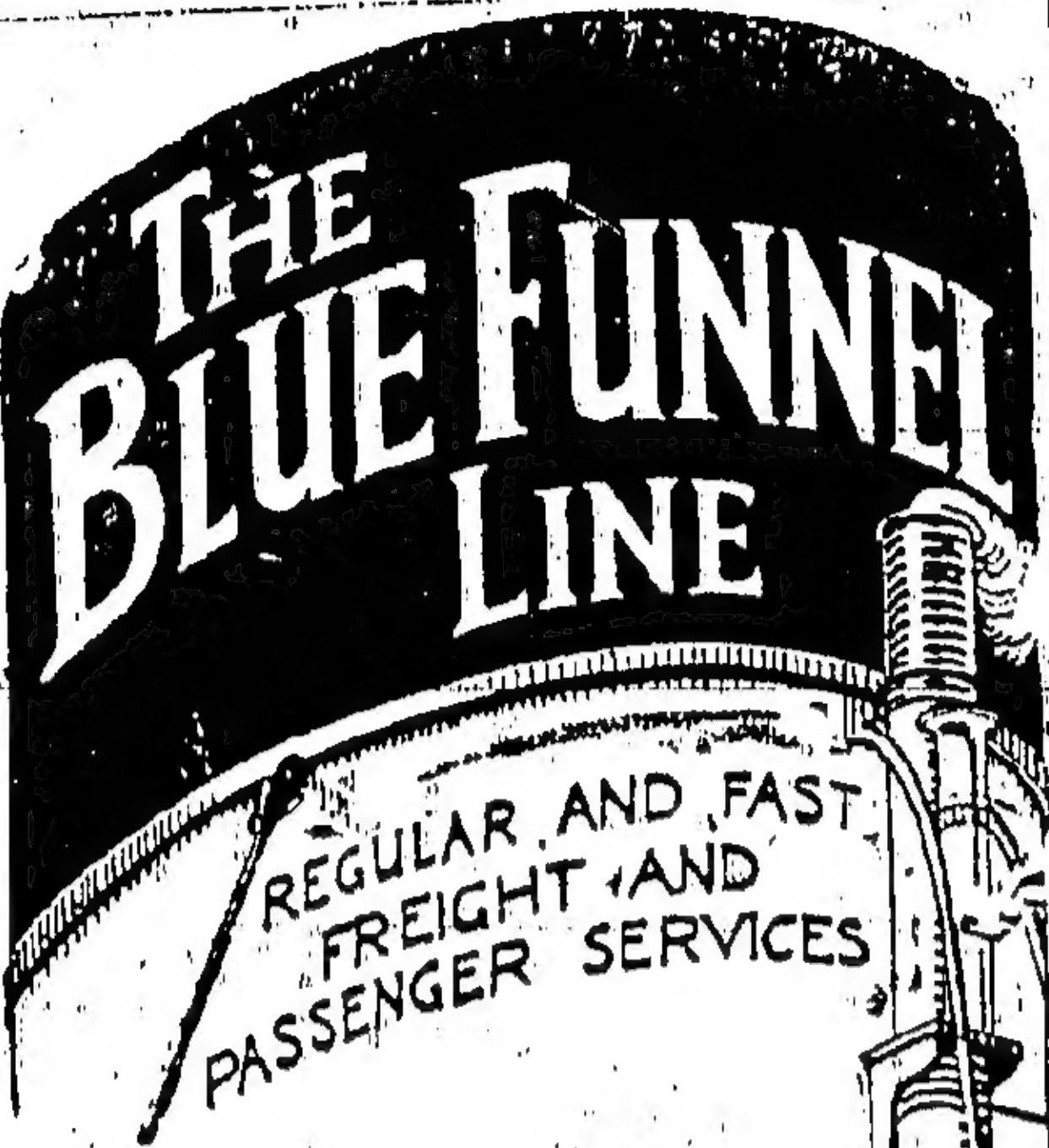
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AND SURVEYORS.

Public Auctions.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON
FRIDAY, the 4th June, 1926,
commencing at 11 a.m.
at No. 90 (formerly No. 62)
Nathan Road, Kowloon.

A Quantity of
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE,
On View on Day of Sale.
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 1st June, 1926.

ON
FRIDAY, the 4th June, 1926,
commencing at 2.45 p.m.

at No. 2, Armand Building (Ground Floor), Kowloon.

A Quantity of
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE
Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Thursday, the 3rd June, 1926.
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 31st May, 1926.

ON
MONDAY, the 7th June, 1926,
commencing at 2.45 p.m.

at "Derrington," No. 8, Peak Road.

(For Account of the Concerned.)
A QUANTITY OF
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE.
Comprising:—

Tapestry Covered Couch and Armchairs, Teak Bookcases, Pictures, Ornaments, Curtains, Desk, Chairs, etc., etc.
Teak Dining Table and Chairs
Teak Sideboard with Bevelled Mirror, Teak Dinner Wagon, Crockery, Cutlery, Silver and Glass Ware, etc., etc.
Teak Bedsteads, Teak Wardrobes with Bevelled Mirror Doors, Teak Dressing Tables, Teak Chest of Drawers, etc., etc.

ALSO

One Piano by "MOUTRIE."

AND

A Few Pieces of
BLACKWOOD FURNITURE.
Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Sunday, the 6th June, 1926.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, June 2, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 5th June, 1926, commencing at 3.15 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 2.45 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1, for all persons including Ladies.
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

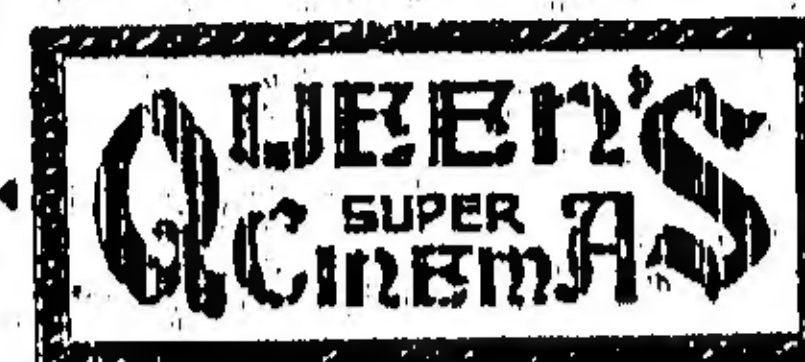
Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure; tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Dinstead & Davis at \$5 each up to FRIDAY, 4th June.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.—Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for the admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Hongkong, May 31, 1926.

SAFE DEPOSIT VAULTS.

THE BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE beg to inform all interested in safe deposit, that they have actually in their new building, 5, Queen's Road, safe deposit boxes at the yearly rate of \$8 for the small size and \$12 for the large size.
Please apply to the Cashier.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1926.



TO-DAY ONLY

at 2.30, 5 sharp, 7.15 and 9.30 p.m.

THE

COLOSSAL PRESENTATION

"QUO VADIS"

with

EMIL JANNINGS

as

NERO

THE STAR

TO-DAY ONLY

at 5.30 and 9.15

ANITA STEWART

in

"A QUESTION OF HONOUR"

NEXT CHANGE

THURSDAY till SATURDAY

VIOLA DANA

MONTE BLUE LEW CODY

in

"REVELATION"

TOMORROW
at
THE
QUEEN'S

Wait till you see
the Savannah Shuffle.

REGINALD

DENNY

WITH

LAURA La
PLANTE

IN

SKINNER'S DRESS SUIT

It will give you more laughs in every reel than a centipede has legs. It's an uproarious business farce showing what a dress suit can do for a small salaried clerk with the right kind of wife who knows how to "charleston." Laughs overlap like the scales on a fish.

LUMBAGO.

THIS is rheumatism of the muscles of the back. It comes on suddenly and is very painful. Every movement aggravates the disease. Go to bed, keep quiet and apply Chamberlain's Pain Balm and a quick recovery may be expected. Sold everywhere.

NEW CAFE.

We Beg To Notify That
PRINCE'S CAFE
No. 11, Beaconsfield Arcade,
Just Opposite City Hall,
Will Be Opened on 1st June, 1926.
COMMODOUS & ATTRACTIVE
Dining And Refreshment Room,
Offering Every Comfort.
PRINCE'S CAFE
Tel. No. C. 4887.

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